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FOR a town which prides itself so greatly on its glorious Decimus Burton-defined architecture and splendour, the saga of the Tunbridge Wells cinema site is truly a remarkable one.

In fact, it has become such a drama, it would command a big screen audience were someone to chart the many twists and turns in what has become a political hot potato of epic proportions.

It stands almost defiant on perhaps the town's most high profile plot of land, taunting the decision-makers in the Town Hall which overlooks it, annoying the neighbouring traders who have a derelict building rotting next to them, and irritating the electorate who wonder just who is finally going to knock the abandoned building down.

When finally it is demolished - and as we report inside today that date could finally be

on the horizon - the roar of the JCBs will surely be drowned out by the cheers of residents.

All of which is something of a shame, because I, like many hundreds of thousands, spent many happy years watching blockbusters from years gone by there. Like any good cinema should, it became an essential venue for a large chunk of my childhood and my memories are nothing but fond. It is, therefore, such a shame the drama it has now spawned around its bricks and mortar threatens to eclipse that.

Elsewhere this week, we celebrate the glorious achievements of our very own Lizzy Yarnold - the golden girl of the Sochi Winter Olympics. We speak not only to Lizzy, but to her parents and those who helped develop her skills at school and in the county's sports clubs. They are all an inspiration. Enjoy your weekend.



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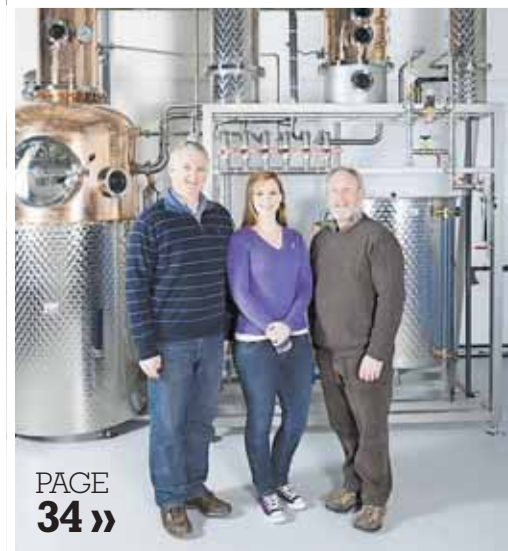
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Council's £100,000 war chest to fight airport plan

By Marijke Cox

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MEDWAY Council confirmed its budget for the year ahead on Thursday night - and revealed it had put aside £100,000 as a war chest to fight controversial plans for a multi-billion pound hub airport in the Thames Estuary.

The airport proposal may still find itself on the shortlist put forward by the independent Davies Commission, tasked with looking at and reporting to central Government on the options available to ease aviation capacity in the south east.

Although expansion of Gatwick or Heathrow remains the more obvious option, the Thames Estuary proposals continue to live on, despite widespread local - and cross-party - opposition.

However, Medway Council has a number of other pressing issues facing it right now - most significantly how to balance the books after another round of cuts in funding from central government, amounting to some 9.6 per cent.

The council says its total budget to run services for 2014/15 is £331 million compared to £348.5m last year.



FIGHTING FUND: Architect Lord Foster's controversial Thames Estuary airport plans on Grain

Following its meeting, a 1.99 per cent hike in council tax was rubber-stamped

Alan Jarrett, deputy leader and portfolio holder for finance, said: "This has been an extremely tough budget for us against a backdrop of cuts and almost impossible deadlines imposed on us to produce it.

"The small council tax rise is unavoidable if we are to maintain our vital services.

"But there are a number of very positive announcements in this

budget and we are proud to have avoided cuts to our frontline services.

"While every authority has been hit by government funding reductions, Medway has been particularly hard hit and we expect that by 2015/16 we will have seen our funding from central government cut by 48 per cent over five years."

Some £2m is being pumped into highway improvements and an extra £450,000 is being made available to fix potholes caused by

the recent bad weather.

The council stressed that no libraries or children's centres faced threat of closure.

All residents will receive notification in the mail detailing their council tax. The new charge will start in April.

Councils can increase council tax by 1.99 per cent - anything more triggers a referendum.

Kent County Council confirmed the same rise in its council tax bill earlier this month.

Hospital to be heart of emergency operations due to surgeon shortage

ALL high-risk and emergency general surgery in the east of the county is to be centralised at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital due to a "lack of availability" of specialist surgeons.

The announcement this week came from the board of the East Kent Hospitals University Foundation Trust, which says the interim measure will ensure such procedures "can be delivered in the safest way possible".

The move will come into effect from May.

The trust oversees hospitals including the William Harvey in Ashford, QEOM in Margate and Buckland in Dover.

The trust insists the move is "entirely in line with the Royal College of Surgeons approach to delivery of high-risk and out of hours surgery".

Trust medical director Dr Paul Stevens said: "We have found it necessary to take this decision because of a serious clinical risk that

will arise in high-risk general surgery due to insufficient gastro-intestinal surgeons being available to provide emergency cover, 24-hours-a-day and seven days a week.

"This has come about because of the increasing sub-specialisation of surgery, the lack of availability of surgeons with skills that are essential to managing high-risk and emergency general surgery, and the difficulty recruiting both permanent and locum medical staff.

"If rotas were to be maintained at two centres they would become staffed predominately by locum surgeons, which would have potential implications for patient safety which the trust cannot ignore."

Clinical assessment in the emergency department, day surgery and low-risk general surgery will continue as now in both Ashford and Margate.

Dr Stevens added: "This will allow us to ensure the provision of high quality care for all our patients."

Major lorry blaze sparks big delays on M25 motorway

FIRE crews spent four hours tackling a major lorry blaze on a busy stretch of the M25 motorway on Friday morning; an incident which added some 90 minutes on to journey times of those stuck in the resulting tailbacks.

The fire broke out on the clockwise section of the motorway between junctions three and four - the turn-offs for Swanley and Orpington - just before 6am.

It caused queues throughout the morning rush-hour and into the afternoon. They stretched as far back as Dartford.

No-one is believed to have been injured as a result of the incident.

A special crane had to be drafted in to clear the wreckage of the burnt-out lorry, while the lorry's 30-tonne load of raw plastic pellets was spilt across the carriageway adding to the clear-up operation.

Ellie's rise from university to top of BRIT Award winners

JUST seven years ago she was studying for a degree at the University of Kent - but on Wednesday night Ellie Goulding was crowned queen of the British music industry at the BRIT Awards.

The 27-year-old picked up the prestigious title of Best British Female Solo Artist - collecting her award from legendary artist Prince at a packed O2 Arena.

It follows continued success for her second album *Halcyon Days* and singles such as *Burn* and *I Need Your Love*, with Calvin Harris.

Miss Goulding had been in Kent studying when she was spotted during a talent show by a music industry scout who put her on the road to success. In 2011 she returned to headline the Lounge on the Farm festival.



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'New IRA' claim responsibility for bomb alerts

A GROUP which calls itself 'the new IRA' has claimed responsibility for the explosive devices sent to Army careers offices across the south east last week.

Among the packages sent to offices in Oxford, Brighton, Slough and Reading, were devices mailed to Canterbury and Chatham.

Both saw major evacuations of the surrounding area, while explosive experts were called in. No-one was

hurt in any of the incidents and the explosives were designed as 'low grade'.

The republican terrorist group, opposed to the Northern Ireland peace process, claimed responsibility after calling a Belfast newspaper and using a recognised code word.

All the devices were understood to have a Dublin postmark.



HIRED: Paul Brandon gets deputy job

Paul Brandon named deputy chief constable

PAUL Brandon was on Thursday night confirmed as the new deputy chief constable of Kent Police.

A familiar face in the county, he had been acting as deputy chief constable prior to the recent interview process.

Chief Constable Alan Pughsley, who replaced former top cop Ian Learmonth in January, said: "DCC Brandon's knowledge of Kent Police and the local communities we serve will be invaluable, and I know that all the officers and staff of the force will be really pleased with the appointment."

Kent Police and Crime Commissioner Ann Barnes, who was on the interview panel, added: "DCC Brandon is an excellent police officer and I have no doubt he will continue to play a huge role in supporting Alan Pughsley in delivering the police and crime plan and responding to the challenges ahead. I welcome him to his new rank and look forward to working with him to continue to keep Kent one of the safest places to live in the country."

Mr Brandon joined Surrey Police as a cadet in 1980 and then the regulars a year later.

He was promoted to sergeant in 1989 and five years later transferred to Kent where he made swift progress through the ranks.

Wettest winter since 1910 as Army recruited to help boost city flood defences

By Chris Murphy

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THE Army was this week drafted in to help reinforce flood defences in the county, as water levels remained dangerously high despite a rare respite from the downpours of recent weeks.

On Thursday, the Met Office confirmed what many of us already knew - that this winter has been the wettest for years; since 1910 across the UK, in fact.

Few areas of the county have remained untouched by the severe weather, with Yalding, Tonbridge, Maidstone, Edenbridge and Canterbury among the worst hit.

According to the Met Office, there was some 492mm of rainfall since December 1 in the south east - beating the previous highest recorded figure of 437.1mm set in 1915.

On average, across Kent, we've experienced in excess of 225 per cent of annual rainfall amounts.

And while the weather finally ap-



HELP: Army by the River Stour

pears to be improving, problems persisted this week.

As rivers continue to swell, the Environment Agency was forced to call on troops stationed at barracks in Maidstone to help build flood defences

near Canterbury.

Around 40 Royal Engineers, part of the 36 Engineer Regiment, were drafted in to help protect land and property at Grove Ferry, on the outskirts of the city.

An Army spokesman said: "The men were reinforcing parts of the river bank with sand bags. They have brought in well over 1,000 of the bags."

"They used two of their boats to transport the bags up the River Stour to where they are required."

"There are a lot of marshes here and the Environment Agency is keen to stop any more of the River Stour pouring into that area."

The Environment Agency added: "The Stour is still very high and is overtopping onto nearby land, which is making its way into the Little Stour and having an impact on a nearby pumping station."

"We are monitoring the situation and will update the local community when we can."

Keep up to date with flooding and weather at www.kentnews.co.uk.

Ofsted puts primary into special measures

EDUCATION chiefs at Medway Council have vowed to improve a primary school which has been put into special measures after yet another inadequate Ofsted report.

Warren Wood Primary School in Rochester saw the lowest possible rating for its achievement of pupils, quality of teaching, behaviour and safety of pupils, and its leadership and management during the latest inspection.

The governing body, deemed "ineffective", has since been disbanded.

In the report, Ofsted stated that pupils were not making the progress they are capable of and that teachers do not plan lessons that meet the needs of all pupils.

Mike O'Brien, lead portfolio holder for children's services at Medway Council, said "We acknowledge that there is still a lot of work to be done and that the ineffectiveness of the governing body, which has now been disbanded, led to the school's current Ofsted criticism."

Dog owners warned over lambing season

AFTER a spate of sheep worrying incidents across the county, the British Veterinary Association has called on dog walkers to keep their pets on leads as lambing season gets under way.

In December, 11 pregnant ewes were killed after a dog attack near Maidstone, which also left 40 other sheep at risk of aborting their unborn lambs. Now vets are determined that dog owners take their responsibilities seriously while walking in the countryside.

BVA president and vet Robin Hargreaves said: "Even dogs who are usually calm and good natured can become very excitable and difficult to control when faced with livestock. Tragically, this can lead to chasing, attacks and fatalities for sheep and other animals."

"Over the coming months, ewes in the fields are likely to be heavily pregnant or have recently given birth. Chasing and worrying can have severe consequences at this time, leading to serious injuries, early labour and fatalities."

Alarming number of us having unsafe sex

HEALTH chiefs have warned that people are continuing to put themselves at risk by not practising safe sex.

In a screening test conducted by Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust as part of a health roadshow, around 47 per cent of the 65 people who took part admitted having unprotected sex in the last four weeks.

One in eight of those tested had sex with a high-risk partner.

Two-thirds of the people who visited the roadshow had never had a sexual health screening test.

Lesley Navaratne, consultant in genito-urinary medicine (GUM) at the trust, said: "It is worrying that so many people, particularly young men and women, are putting their health at risk by not practicing safe sex."

"Initiatives like these are helping to raise awareness and promote the importance of leading safe sexual health lives."

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What will make next week's headlines...

Cricket all-rounder to learn fate of ICC charge

KENT all-rounder Darren Stevens is set to discover his fate on Thursday following his International Cricket Council tribunal in Bangladesh.

The 37-year-old has denied a charge of failing to report a corrupt approach when he was in action for the Dhaka Gladiators in Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) last year.

If found guilty he faces a ban of between one and five years.

He is one of nine accused by the ICC's anti-corruption unit, who will be revealing the results of the tribunal on February 27.

The ICC hearing took place in Bangladesh last month.

At the time he was charged, he said: "I have not been involved in



any corrupt activity and have not been charged with any. I am cooperating with the authorities in their investigation and prosecution of the corruption charges in matters relating to the BPL."

Minister to hold flooding talks in wake of problems

A MINISTER and Kent MP is hosting roundtable talks on Friday to discuss improvements to flood defences.

Maidstone and the Weald MP Helen Grant, who represents Yalding, one of the worst hit areas, will meet council members, the Environment Agency and emergency services at her constituency office.

"Having witnessed first-hand the impact the floods had and having spoken to many residents who have been adversely affected, I felt it was prudent to call this meeting.

"It's important we look at how we performed as a community, assess how effective the current flood plan is, and ascertain what improvements could be made."

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Progress on crime tsars

POLICING minister and Ashford MP Damian Green will discuss the progress of police and crime commissioners in a home affairs select committee meeting on Tuesday at Parliament.

Kent's PCC Ann Barnes and Chief Constable Alan Pughsley are due to attend.

Repairs on A21 to start

OVERNIGHT work to resurface traffic blackspot the A21 near Tunbridge Wells begins on Monday night.

Improvements will take place between Half Moon Lane and Longfield Road roundabout. They are expected to be completed on Saturday, March 1.

Teen wins place at Sky

A TALENTED University of Kent student will be awarded a scholarship on Thursday earning him a sought-after placement at leading news network Sky News.

Conor Diggin, 19, will undertake four weeks at the news organisation and will receive £3,500 towards his university fees.

Policing heads quizzed

KENT'S Police and Crime Commissioner Ann Barnes will host the latest in her 'Meet the Commissioner' events on Wednesday.

Members of the public will be able to quiz the PCC and Chief Constable on policing issues at Royal British Legion Industries in Aylesford from 6.30-8pm.

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Ice queen's ready to chill-out after golden display in Sochi

After capturing the nation's heart with her gold medal-winning runs in the bob skeleton at the Winter Olympics, Kent's Lizzy Yarnold is just looking forward to a well-earned break, as **Greg Miles** discovered

GOLDEN girl Lizzy Yarnold made a whistle-stop return to the UK on Wednesday to appear on a TV chat show, before heading back to Russia later the same day. She jettied in to appear on the Jonathan Ross Show on ITV – which airs this weekend.

But while she enjoys the closing ceremony celebrations this weekend in Sochi – the scene of her success in the bob skeleton – back in London she found time to speak to KoS about her remarkable success.

She told us that having dedicated the last five years of her life to flying at speeds of up to 90mph just centime-

tres above the ice, she is now looking forward to getting a tan with a holiday in the sun.

The West Kingsdown bob skeleton star won her Olympic gold medal in style on Valentine's Day with a dominant performance.

The 25-year-old went into the Games as hot favourite after victory in the World Cup series earlier this year, making her world number one in a sport she admits she wasn't even aware of just a few years ago.

Her feet have barely touched the ground in the wake of her golden moment, although she admits she has managed to keep up with BBC Radio 4's soap *The Archers* and relaxed in

between competition days by watching Agatha Christie detective drama *Poirot*.

"It's still only been just over a week but it feels like an age ago," the star told us.

"I was quite nervous before the competition began, which was odd for me because I'm usually so in control of everything.

"I did text a few people the night before the first run and they just reminded me that feeling like that was only natural.

"Once I got into the race and started my warm up I was totally in the process of enjoying the moment.

"I prepared for the race as I did every World Cup race; nothing changed, es-

pecially for the first three runs, I was so focused on improving my technique.

"Even after the first day I went home and watched the video footage and worked things out.

"By then I had actually started to let myself relax a little bit."

She set a track record on her first run on Thursday morning and then improved on that again on her third run on Friday afternoon, giving her an almost unassailable lead.

Although silver medalist American Noelle Pikus-Pace pushed her close with a blistering fourth run, Lizzy's form meant it was never in doubt.

She said: "I think the whole fourth run I just wanted to have so much

fun. It was such a fierce competition, everybody brought their 'A game', but for the fourth run I was totally focused on every single corner.

"When I was coming down I had to work out how to stop the sled though. Once I got off I saw my family and they were crying; you could see the pride.

"When I got to the bottom [of the run] I just leapt up from the sled to see the number one on the board.

"I was just ecstatic. All that hard work had paid off and my dream had totally come true. It just reminds me of how much I have done to get here. It's just been such hard work."

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After her brief return to the UK, she will 'officially' be welcomed back to England on Monday when she flies into Heathrow's Terminal 5 at 5.40pm, where a hero's reception will surely await her.

Then Lizzy will let her mind begin to focus a little on a holiday – rather than competition.

"I'm certainly going to enjoy it a little bit, have a breather and have a break," she said.

"I had to train so much to even get to the Olympics. I will let my body rest and recover. I will go on a holiday and get a tan."

While in London she took a stroll along the Thames where her success made her instantly recognisable.

"I have noticed out and about walking in the UK that people notice me and come up and say 'well done,'" she said.

"It's really nice to know the experiences other people have gone through.

"It's great for bob skeleton to have a higher profile and its really exciting to be invited on to TV shows."

There has never been a successful medal defence in the women's skeleton which Great Britain is the most successful nation in.

Team GB has a bronze from Salt Lake City in 2002 with Alex Coomber; a silver from Shelley Rudman in Turin in 2006; and a gold in Vancouver four years ago from Amy Williams MBE who, coincidentally, Lizzy had been staying with as part of her build-up to the Games.

So could our home-grown talent make history?

"I'm still young, I'm only 25 and I'm very driven. While this is a massive achievement for me there is still so much more to give and I'm still hungry for it.

"I don't think anyone has won the overall World Cup and the Olympic gold in the same year. It's a great achievement, I'm super-proud of it and I'm enjoying the moment, but I'll be back in the gym soon."

Behind her in person in Sochi were the 'Yarny Army' led by her parents Clive and Judith who run the Barnagate Farm bed and breakfast in West Kingsdown, and her sisters Katie and Charlotte.

Also in attendance was her boyfriend James Roche who works for automotive manufacturer McLaren and designed her sled named Mervyn.

He'd had to wait for his Valentine's Day card which came when Lizzy headed back to Team GB's base in Sochi.

But then again, she did have more important things on her mind.

“ I don't think anyone has won the overall World Cup and the Olympic gold in the same year. It's a great achievement and I'm enjoying the moment, but I'll be back in the gym soon ”

Lizzy Yarnold, on what has been a remarkable few months

ALL-ROUNDER: Even as a child Lizzy Yarnold excelled at sport, representing the county at national level. Below she can be seen throwing the javelin under the guidance of GB Olympic javelin thrower Steve Backley in 2008



Teenage Lizzy's drive to be a sporting success

THE route to glory for Lizzy Yarnold began just five years ago.

She was selected to take part in the Girls4Gold talent identification programme. Run by UK Sport, the scheme was a talent search to find future stars who could challenge for medals in both the summer or winter Olympics.

She had hoped to be selected for the modern pentathlon because of her love of horses and having competed in the heptathlon throughout her teenage years.

But, to her surprise, the decision instead was to push her in a very different direction.

After going through the physical and mental tests with 1,500 other potentials, she made the final cut of 10 and was selected for the bob skeleton – not that she even knew what it was.

After watching videos of GB's Vancouver gold medal winner Amy Williams in action in the Olympics, she set off to training in Lillehammer in Norway and began competing in the 2010/11 season.

Not only was the sport a difficult –and dangerous – one to master, but it demanded a financial commitment too.

During a summer placement at London insurance underwriters Hardy, she started a collection to raise the £176 she need for a special bag designed to carry the runners for her sled. After seeing the collection, a senior executive and winter sports enthusiast within the company, Mervyn Sugden, started to chat to her.

He not only immediately paid for the bag, but then helped broker financial support for the GB skeleton team.

As a tribute, she named her sled after him and the pair remain in close touch.

They say star quality often shines through from a young age and it is certainly a sentiment echoed by her former sprinting coach and team manager at Tonbridge Athletics Club, Iain Presnell, and the head teacher at Maidstone Grammar School for Girls, Mary Smith, where Lizzy attended.

Mr Presnell first came across the "determined" young athlete aged 11.

"She was a shot putter in those days. When she joined the club she became a javelin thrower and multi-eventer," he said.

"At the age of 13 she was county standard, competing in national events for the county.

"She could throw the javelin 40m-plus which would put her in the top 10 in the country for her age.

"Lizzy was very determined and very single-minded to make the most of what she had.

"She was a good role model for the others in the group. The potential and the drive was certainly there."

The club is no stranger to success. Double Olympic gold medal winner Dame Kelly Holmes, who triumphed in both the 800m and 1,500m in Athens in 2004, was a former member and had met the young Lizzy on a number of visits

to help inspire those following in her sporting footsteps.

While naturally disappointed to see her leave athletics as a teenager, Mr Presnell said he is proud of what she has gone on to achieve.

"It was obviously the right thing for her and we are all very pleased," he said.

"We do get a lot of people leaving athletics for other sports, but as long as they are not leaving the sport to sit in front of the TV I don't mind."

A hard-working student during her school days in Maidstone, Lizzy was one of four head students at the school in sixth form.

As a consequence, she would have weekly meetings with head teacher Mary Smith.

Mrs Smith explained: "I remember her being a fantastic girl who has a genuinely likeable personality. She was very dedicated and committed.

"She threw herself into everything; not just sport, but whatever she did she gave 100 per cent.

"While her success is amazing, it's not that much of a surprise."

Unsurprisingly, the entire school had been following the star's progress through the competition with interest.

Mrs Smith said: "The whole school got behind her and we talked about her in assembly. Everyone signed a good luck card for her as well. We beamed her first two runs to every classroom in the morning.

"The final two runs were late in

the evening on Friday, but we had a group gathered to watch them and it was quite an inspiring atmosphere.

"I think she has genuinely inspired a lot of the girls here.

"We would be very keen to welcome her back into the school."

There were also well wishers from Brands Hatch motor racing circuit, close to her West Kingsdown home, where Yarnold worked in the catering department from 2005 until 2007.

Catering team leader Mandy Scott worked with her back then.

She said: "Lizzy was always really hard-working and never let us down. She was very pleasant – a lovely girl and clearly really into her sport and always a good source of fun.

"We're all really proud of her and she thoroughly deserves her success."

There was also praise from minister for sport Helen Grant MP – the Conservative member for nearby Maidstone and the Weald.

She said: "She has done Maidstone, Kent and her country proud. On the back of Jennie Jones' fantastic bronze, it's Team GB's women leading the way and already it's our best Winter Olympics since Salt Lake City in 2002.

"The likes of Lizzy and Jennie are such positive role models for young women and I am sure they will have inspired many to go and give winter sports a try."

How the 'Yarny Army' faced test of its own as it marched on Sochi

THE route to glory was not made easy for Lizzy Yarnold's parents after a string of problems threatened to leave them stranded.

Determined to secure their accommodation close to the venue, parents Clive and Judith Yarnold booked to stay on a cruise liner, harboured at the port in Sochi, in September 2013.

But just 24 hours before they were due to leave England, they were told the ship had been overbooked.

Instead, they were told, they would be located in a hotel.

The drama didn't end there, however. After jetting into Sochi they discovered the replacement hotel was fully booked too.

It sparked an anxious six-hour drive around the Russian city until they finally found somewhere to stay.

Even then that was not without incident. Having booked a 'sizeable' car for the family to transport them and their baggage, they were a little surprised to discover a 56-seater coach had been reserved.

After arriving on Wednesday they did not see their daughter until after she had finished her first two runs on Thursday morning. But again, circumstances seemed against them and they nearly missed it.

"We booked a taxi to take us to the bus station where we could get a bus to the mountain area," said Mrs Yarnold.

"We were going the wrong way and the taxi driver couldn't speak English.

"We did get there 40 minutes before the race, but we were at the wrong entrance and weren't allowed in. It was the athletes' entrance.

"So we tried at two other entrances

up the hill and down the hill, but again weren't allowed in. The security was so tight. We had to go back down to the bottom and get a cable car back up again.

"We only just made it for her first run. We didn't see her until after she finished her second run.

"She likes us out of the way and quiet when she's competing so she can be focused."

After Lizzy had set a new track record and opened up a lead of 0.44 seconds after her first two runs of four, the Yarny Army went back to their hotel for the night.

There are no hard and fast rules about how an athlete should fill their time when their Olympic final is split over two days, but Lizzy decided to unwind by watching episodes of Belgian detective Poirot.

With Friday's final two runs taking place in the evening, Sochi time, it was a nerve-racking wait.

"Friday was an incredibly long day. We met some other friends for lunch and were all together," said Mrs Yarnold. "It was quite late by the time she did her first run.

"That was probably the hardest day."

Lizzy Yarnold's third run was consistent as ever and opened up a 0.78 second gap on second place – an enormous lead in skeleton terms.

All she needed was a safe fourth slide to clinch her historic moment.

Although it was a bumpy and untidy run she still set the fastest time in the field and increased her lead to 0.97 seconds.

"What is amazing is she was the best on every single run," said Mrs Yarnold.

"I couldn't tell you anything about the last run at all. It was just so amazing to see her at the bottom and safe.

"I was just watching it without really taking it in. The whole group of us were in tears. There was a cheer and a sob at the same time.

"We didn't see her that evening, not even to give her a hug. She had to go through all the doping control and all the other things she has to do."

While the golden girl was busy with the Press, her parents got whipped up in the media excitement as well.

Channel 4's *The Last Leg*, hosted by Australian comedian Adam Hills, was a popular round-up show after the London 2012 Olympics and was reinstated for Sochi.

They interviewed Mr Yarnold and set the wheels in motion for his moustache to begin trending on social networking site Twitter with the hashtag #clivesmoustache while a parody account of the same name soon appeared.

"We were on BBC 5Live and chatted to [sports presenter] Clare Balding on the television," explained Mrs Yarnold.

"It all got a bit surreal, because we're just this ordinary family from Kent."

Finally, the following day, they managed to get some time with their daughter – prior to the medal ceremony.

"There is a quiet room in a house that the sponsors pay for and we went in there. Lizzy just lay on the floor and went to sleep," she said.

"She'd had such a busy morning with all the press conferences.

"We were lucky to have that moment for Lizzy to be relaxed before the ceremony."



UPS AND DOWNS: Clive and Judith Yarnold had quite an adventure during their time in Sochi, but one that will live with them and their family forever

Mum's influence on sporting daughters

CERTAINLY sporting excellence is in the Yarnold genes.

Lizzy's mother, Judith, played a big part in her daughter's sporting development having been a PE teacher at St Michael's Prep school in Otford where Lizzy attended as a youngster.

She has also taught the likes of Sevenoaks race walker Tom Bosworth and Saracens rugby player Ben Ransom among others.

But Lizzy's coolness under pressure cannot be attributed to her or her husband, the proud mum says.

"I don't know where she gets it from. She's absolutely amazing," said Mrs Yarnold. "My husband says she's as cool as a cucumber.

"She's just so well prepared. It doesn't matter what race, where it is, she's got her set routine."

And just how do they cope with having to witness their daughter hurtling, head first, at speeds of up to 90mph with just a thin sled between her and the ice?

"We know that she is physically and mentally as strong as she's ever been," said Mrs Yarnold.

"There are things you can't control though, like the condition of the ice, the bumps. Some do have problems with concussion and things like that. That's the only unknown really.

"There's nothing you can do to change anything. I'm probably the only one that's anxious; the rest of the family are okay. I think other mums would know how I feel.

"We didn't know anything about the sport at the start. It seems awful saying it. We watched Amy Williams in action at the Olympics

to see what it was about. We talked to various people and they said there was more risk horse riding."

There's more talent in the family too, with her two sisters both high-class sportswomen.

"It was part of what we did as a family. We were always doing sporty things," said Mrs Yarnold.

"One of the things they used to do was to run around the garden as many times as their age before they came in for dinner every day. They just grew up doing those sorts of things.

"They did a variety of sports, a lot of horse riding. Lizzy took to high board diving.

"It's always been there, you could always see her potential.

"I thought she would stay with her athletics because of the progress she was making though."

Lizzy's older sister Katie, 27, could have been an Olympian before her in London 2012.

She was a part of the inaugural Great British women's handball team, but pulled out before they went full-time and later disbanded before the Games.

"They called us all into a meeting and said the team would be going full-time and would be based in Denmark for three years," said Mrs Yarnold.

"At that stage we were sat in a group and the girls were saying how much they would have to give up: their jobs, their university.

"Katie decided that she wasn't going to go. The others that did go gave up everything and the squad was sadly disbanded after the funding was pulled before the Olympics."

Sydney Olympics offered inspiration

LIZZY Yarnold did not even know what the bob skeleton was until being told it was ideal for her physique after a talent identification programme.

That was back in 2009, prior to which she was an aspiring modern pentathlete.

Inspired by 2000 Olympic Games gold medalist Denise Lewis, Lizzy threw herself into the heptathlon which involves the 100m hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200m, long jump, javelin and 800m.

A regular competitor on the Women's Athletics League circuit representing Medway and Maidstone, Tonbridge and Ashford athletics clubs, her final appearance as an athlete came in June 2010, when she competed in Crawley in a Southern Women's League 1 senior match.



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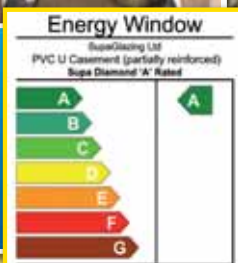
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Long-running 'grot spot' may

UTTER the words 'cinema site' in the town of Tunbridge Wells and you'll see a community collectively wince. A sorry tale has surrounded the former Odeon cinema, and it has become the Achilles heel of a local population which has long since developed a reputation of intense pride in its heritage and surroundings. Closed in 2000, Odeon shut the former three-screen site down after it built a state-of-the-art multiplex on the North Farm estate, on the edge of the town. A covenant prevented the building from being used as a cinema in the future.

And so the problems began. Despite being a prime site located at the very crossroads of where the upper and lower parts of the town converge, and overlooking the Town Hall itself, the old building has spent the last 14 years deteriorating – boarded up and unused – with any hopes of a bright future dashed as the recession took hold.

It has been dubbed the spa town's greatest 'grot spot' – a blot on the landscape where the local architecture is so engrossing and so often its calling card.

Sold several times, but leading to nothing, it means any potential change in fortunes is met with some cynicism.

But, this week, there was a tiny spark of light spotted on the horizon. This possible ray of hope comes in the form of a Section 215 notice, issued on the site's owners, Carlyle and Bellhouse, by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

A legal document, it calls for the old cinema to be demolished and the land cleared in the next six months, leaving it in a "safe and tidy" state.

It could, finally, after almost years of false dawns, empty promises and relentless disappointment, signal the end of the cinema saga.

Or, at least, the first stage of it. "The challenge is to see it demolished," said Ben Chapelard, councillor for the local Liberal Democrats, main opposition to the ruling

Some 14 years after it closed its doors, could demolition work finally begin on the Tunbridge Wells cinema site, asks **Marijke Cox?**

Conservatives. It set up a petition demanding the borough council take some form of action against the owners.

Around 4,000 people signed up, with more and more joining the list each day.

Although the land is not owned by the council, the Lib Dems have turned the saga into a political hot potato. A cash-strapped council hesitant to intervene on private, commercial, land, but also in the firing line from opponents which insist, for the good of the town, it must.

Mr Chapelard said he was pleased a Section 215 had been issued, but warned it could still be overturned by the owners.

"They have until March 21 to appeal against the demolition order," he said.

"Otherwise they have six months to complete the demolition and leave it nice and tidy.

"I don't know if they will appeal, it's their right to do so. But they have made noises in the past about demolishing it all by March.

"If they are serious about making a commitment to our town they need to start the process. "If they don't appeal, it will be a clear sign of their commitment."

The owners confirmed to KoS this week their intention was to start work at the end of March and were currently assessing the Section 215.

But a cautious Mr Chapelard said it had been



saga over town be at an end

a frustrating journey so far.

"I'm cautiously optimistic this is real progress, but let's get them to clear up the site first," he said. "The challenge is to see it demolished. Let's not faff about in the law courts."

He stressed he was pushing to get figures to see how much it would cost to issue a Compulsory

Purchase Order (CPO) on the owners which would force them to relinquish the site to the council.

He added: "There's no point the owners clearing the site and then just sitting on it until it's profitable. A CPO would ensure some movement. "The leader of the council guessed it would cost around £40 million. We're trying to get

some true figures."

Mr Chapelard accused the Conservatives on Tunbridge Wells council of "scaremongering" and demanded the authority use its powers to take action.

The old cinema site, however, is arguably more complicated than your average development.

It sits on the top of a hill of which at the bottom is the town's railway station.

Beneath is the rail tunnel used to get train services to London and back – a key commuter corridor and an important transport link for the town. It means any major work on the cinema carries a risk should anything go wrong with the demolition and rebuild. This means a hefty price tag to ensure it is carried out safely.

Carlyle and Bellhouse has been looking to secure a major tenant prior to demolition work getting under way. But both a budget hotel

chain and, more recently, a supermarket – thought to be Waitrose – had wanted the site prepared prior to any deal. Thus a catch-22 leaves the site in a perpetual state of limbo.

Katharina Mahler-Bech, whose late husband Daniel was founding member of the Royal Tunbridge Wells Forum, is calling on strong leadership at the council to make things happen.

Dr Bech and his wife tirelessly campaigned to clear up what they first termed 'grot spots', of which the cinema site is regarded as number one.

Mrs Mahler-Bech remains hopeful, however, that something will one day happen.

"It's a long process and I don't know why it's taken so long," she told KoS.

"The problem is the developers might just appeal and then they get away with it all over again.

"But at least this time the council is using its powers – it's a step forward.

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"We've waited a long time."
She said all it takes is someone at the council to stand up and "have the courage" to do something.

"I don't know why the council hasn't done this before," she said, referring to the Section 215 order.

"It's a private site, that's the problem, but it's no good for Tunbridge Wells, it's no good for the economy, so it's an issue for the council too.

"But it's the petitions and pressure from people in Tunbridge Wells which has really helped."

She admitted she won't walk on the side of the road of the cinema site anymore, describing the hoarding as unattractive and obtrusive.

Mrs Mahler-Bech said, however, that didn't stop people questioning the staunch campaigner about what is happening.

"People are disillusioned; I live in the middle of the town and everyone always asks me 'any news?'."

"If they do appeal, we'll just be waiting again."

It is a view very much echoed by local Conservative MP Greg Clark who has long called for action.

He told us: "The owners have failed to meet countless self-imposed deadlines so I am pleased the borough council has issued a Section 215 notice requiring a demolition.

"Residents of, and visitors to, Tunbridge Wells have put up with this eyesore for too long.

"It has continued to deteriorate in the hands of numerous owners so the council is quite right to serve this order now.

"However, I will keep up pressure on the owners and take nothing for



THE Tunbridge Wells cinema saga is not the first time a community has been held to ransom by developers. Over in the east of the county, Thanet District Council has also had two high-profile sites:

Pleasureama in Ramsgate

THE former seafront funfair site, now known as Royal Sands, has been touted as one of the most important regenerations projects in east Kent.

But, despite pressure from a passionate community, it has been derelict for some 10 years.

The freehold of the site is owned by the council, but developer SFP Ventures UK owns the lease and plans to build a hotel and flats.

Despite this, there has been no movement, much to the anger of

local residents. Speculation surrounding the delays suggests it is down to finance problems.

Thanet council has been discussing the way forward while an agreement with the developers is due to expire soon which could see the council reclaim the land.

Dreamland in Margate

DREAMLAND has also been at the centre of a battle between Thanet District Council and developers.

Empty for six years, it sparked a campaign by the community and council to have the land transferred back into the local authority's hands to make way for the world's first heritage theme park, a project led by the Dreamland Trust and involving Red or Dead designer Wayne Hemingway's

company HemingwayDesign.

A lengthy legal battle ensued, starting in June 2011, when Thanet council served a Compulsory Purchase Order on the then-owners, the Margate Town Regeneration Company. This was challenged and the matter ended up in a public inquiry, then in the hands of the secretary of state for communities Eric Pickles.

Despite major steps forward by the council, the owners continued to fight, stating they wanted to create entertainment funded by "much-needed" housing instead.

From the High Court to the Court of Appeal, eventually in October 2013, the owners was dismissed and the land was transferred to the council, paving the way for the heritage theme park.

expectation that work could begin in the spring. The Section 215 notice means the owners of the site can fulfil their commitment."

The site on Mount Pleasant Road was sold in a deal worth £10m in 2011, to a Luxembourg subsidiary of global private equity firm the Carlyle Group, acting through a joint venture with developer Bellhouse Joseph in London.

But despite plans for a Premier Inn budget hotel – met with some resistance from the community – and then a supermarket, nothing has materialised.

At the time of the sale, the council was pushing ahead with plans for a CPO, but despite pressure from campaigners, this has yet to be done.

Until they see movement on the site – and someone move in – it's unlikely anyone will be holding their breath.

If one thing is clear, it's how disillusioned people are becoming.

Leader of the council, David Jukes, however, is remaining optimistic.

"I am delighted the planning committee approved the serving of the Section 215 notice," he said.

Carlyle and Bellhouse confirmed to KoS they had received the notice.

"We will respond to the council once we have made a full assessment, but are not in a position to comment further on its contents at this stage," a spokesman said.

"In the meantime, we are finalising the appointment of a demolition contractor and progressing our negotiations with Natural England regarding the future welfare and safety of a colony of bats nesting in the premises, and Network Rail, all of which need to be concluded before we can confirm the demolition timetable."

granted until I see the site demolished and a replacement under way."

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council is naturally being cautious over the Section 215.

Until that 28 days is up, it is like the proverbial Sword of Damocles hanging over its head, and so the authority

is not celebrating too soon.

But Ben Chapelard has no sympathy.

"The council has a 'can't do' attitude," he said. "Now that we've started this petition, they have had to stop making excuses."



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IN THE THICK OF IT: Tunbridge Wells' doctor Andrew Taylor saw first hand the effects of Typhoon Haiyan, above, which hit the Philippines last year, claiming the lives of more than 6,200 people

Typhoon doctor's ordeal won't deter him from helping again

When Dr Andrew Taylor registered to an international emergency trauma unit little did he know his expertise would be called upon so soon. But when a devastating natural disaster hit the Philippines, he was at the forefront of saving lives, as **Joe Bill** discovered

ON November 8 last year one of the most powerful typhoons ever recorded tore apart the homes and lives of people living on a small group of islands in the Philippines in the western Pacific Ocean.

Thousands were killed as wind speeds of 195mph swept in, devastating towns by washing ashore six-metre high waves.

Known as Typhoon Haiyan, it was to become the worst natural disaster the country had ever seen.

With more than 6,200 dead and 1,800 still missing, it is estimated around a million homes were destroyed affecting the lives of a staggering 14 million people.

Graphic images of death and hardship were projected across the globe, appealing to that basic human desire to help.

Shocking tales triggered donations and aid as relief workers swooped in to help the stricken victims.

Three months later, however, and with the UK tackling its own major weather problems, many have pushed

the plight of those in the Philippines to the back of their minds.

Problems, of course, are relative, but the devastation in south east Asia puts our own flooding woes into perspective.

Following Typhoon Haiyan, the UK pledged more than £55 million to the relief effort, including the deployment of HMS Daring and HMS Illustrious to act as floating hospitals.

This money – and help from the medical professionals sent over – has undoubtedly saved lives.

Among the teams sent as part of this rescue mission was a crew of 12 medics from the UK, including consultant anaesthetist Dr Andrew Taylor from Tunbridge Wells.

He swapped his day job at the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust to become part of a UK team which has performed 100 operations in the Philippines.

Unsurprisingly, aside from saving lives, he has returned with some harrowing first-hand accounts.

Dr Taylor's journey to south-east Asia started six months before the

typhoon hit. He had seen an advert for medical staff to sign up to the UK's International Emergency Trauma Register.

The register ensures the list of 800 medical professionals have all the equipment, training and immunity jabs up to date and are ready to go to a natural disaster zone at a moment's notice.

Dr Taylor explained: "After the Haiti disaster in 2004, all the international foreign medical teams decided they should get together, plan and prepare.

"We don't know when the next disaster is going to come along, but we know there will be one. So the Government is trying to make it so that when a disaster does happen medical teams are on stand-by, set up and prepared to go.

"The NHS and Department for International Development have agreed that when I go I still get my salary from the NHS, but the NHS can claim it back from DfID."

As part of his induction, the 41-year-old went on a training weekend to

swot up on what to do if he is taken hostage or shot.

In the hours after Typhoon Haiyan hit, he was one of just 12 who got the call for help.

The team arrived in Manila five days later and were sent by the World Health Organisation to Tacloban City, one of the worst affected areas.

"It looked like something off a film set," said Dr Taylor.

"There were these pristine stone churches still standing, but all the buildings around them were gone.

"All of their houses are made of wood with corrugated roofs. There are, of course, a few brick buildings and they were fine, but the rest were either squashed or just gone.

"As we drove through there were people at the side of the street holding up cards saying 'help' and 'no food' or 'shelter'. The typhoon hit land at seven different places, so many people needed help."

As the medical team began its mammoth task of helping stricken families, the Philippine government ordered a curfew for its residents to limit trouble in city centres as the population became more and more desperate for help.

"At that time there was no food, the shops weren't functioning and neither were the pharmacies," said Dr Taylor.

"I think at that point the authorities were a bit worried things might get out of control because the people were beginning to get desperate.

"They had gone five or six days without a decent supply of food or water. So the Army had taken control to stop looting and rioting. We had armed guards around us, but fortunately we never saw any problems."

The Kent medic explained that of the UK's team of 12 there were surgeons, anaesthetists, accident and emergency doctors, physios and nurses and it was decided they should split up to spread their efforts.

"Half of our group was a theatre team and half was an accident and emergency team," he said.

"HMS Daring was just coming into the area so the A&E group became stationed onboard ship so they could get helicoptered around or go out in the ribs [rigid inflatable boats] to the little islands and help anyone they saw.

"I was part of the surgical team, and we stayed in Tacloban."

His group set up in a field hospital that had been created by a team of Australian medics two days earlier.

"The Australians told us that when they arrived, they landed on this big Tarmac area near to the runway.

"It was covered with bodies and

trees and trucks, and the medical team literally cleared the whole area and set up the field hospital there.

"There were body bags around and as we drove through down side roads we could see mounds of rubble with bodies still under this stuff that hadn't been got to yet."

As an anaesthetist, Dr Taylor has to talk to his patients to find out if they have health issues which may be affected if they are put to sleep before an operation.

It was during these chats that he began to find out more of what it was like when the typhoon struck.

He said: "The first girl I spoke to said she was knocked over by the first gusts of wind and then spent 12 hours on the ground holding onto things because the wind was too strong.

"She got badly cut by a piece of flying corrugated metal. After the wind, a tidal wave of six or seven-feet came through the city.

"So those who were severely injured in that first wind, most of those people

"The first girl I spoke to said she was knocked over by the first gusts of wind and then spent 12 hours holding onto things because the wind was too strong"

Dr Andrew Taylor recalls horror one of his young patients endured



drowned. As the tidal wave came through, if they couldn't swim or hold on, they couldn't survive."

Secondary problems came as infection settled into injuries as patients stood and waited in the disease-ridden water.

Dr Taylor said: "We got there five days after the typhoon. So if you had an injury like a big cut or something you spent nearly a week in dirty, filthy water. A lot of the worst infected would have died too."

The desperation of the people Dr Taylor treated was all too apparent, with the story of the mother-of-five who had been injured by a falling tree and waited for days for medical aid to

arrive, particularly common.

He said: "There was a cut from the front of her head right the way to the back – you could see the skull. The tree had fallen on their home and killed her husband.

"She had five children and had spent those few days after the storm trying to find someone she knew to look after them so she could get to the field hospital for treatment."

The surgical team performed 100 operations during the two-week stint it was in Tacloban and Dr Taylor, who has been practising for more than 15 years, revealed it was one of the most eye-opening experiences of his life.

"There were some horrendous sto-

ries. The big issue in this environment is what happens to these people after they leave the hospital," he said.

"One man was on the operating table and I was about to put him to sleep and asked him what his situation was.

"He told us his wife was killed, his children were killed, his house had been destroyed, and he had nothing; no food and nowhere to go.

"It hits you then. I was staying in a sleeping bag on a bit of concrete with a tent, but even in that environment I was significantly better off than the people around us."

During his time in the Philippines, Dr Taylor explained the initial impact of the typhoon had done significant



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damage, but in the weeks after problems almost became worse as patients started to come forward with pneumonia, diarrhoea and vomiting.

"In the two weeks we were there, the injuries were changing," he said.

"To start with there were cuts and superficial injuries. But it's warm out there in the dank water – around 35 degrees. Plus all their trees and shelter had been destroyed. So these people are just sitting out exposed to the heat and the wet environment.

"But they are extraordinary people. Hardly any of them needed any painkillers after their ops. They are tough and resilient sort of people who had been through traumatic

experiences and just got on with it."

The UK group left the field hospital having supported local medical teams as they struggled to deal with the huge amount of people needing treatment.

And Dr Taylor was full of admiration for those hospital staff, who continued to work despite suffering their own personal tragedies in the disaster.

He said: "The hospital in Tacloban had seen the bottom floor washed away and filled with sewage and muddy water. So we were trying to work with them [staff] by sterilising all of their equipment.

"Some of the local doctors came

down and did the operations in our field hospital. At the end of the day, these people were their patients.

"The idea for us is never to go in and take over; it's to go in and help the local health people until they get their facilities up and running again.

"There is much more focus on support now; not just taking over and then dropping everything when we need to leave."

The situation the UK doctors threw themselves into was both hostile and potentially dangerous.

And the stress and strains of the lack of sleep while working in intense close quarters could have caused ructions between groups of people who didn't know each other.

But the married father-of-two said his team and the group of Australian doctors developed a strong bond while they were saving lives.

"You are staying in tents on concrete ground, so there is not a lot of sleep going on," said Dr Taylor.

"There's no privacy; you are in a strained environment and you are there for a long time. You are not eating good food; it's dried processed food. But at least it's food.

"So there is a lot of potential for animosity, but there wasn't at all.

"Everybody was fantastic."

There was even some banter between the UK and Australian members at the expense of England's miserable performance in the Ashes.

"It's a blind leap of faith to go with people you don't know or haven't worked with. It could potentially be a nightmare if you don't work well together," Dr Taylor adds.

"But you bond because the people that go, I suppose, are of a similar nature and you are all in it together."

Dr Taylor has stayed friendly with the people he shared the harrowing experience with, but admitted the disaster has had a big impact on his life back in Kent.

"My wife and two children had to carry on without me while I was gone and all my colleagues at the hospital had to cover for me when they needed to when I was away," he explains.

"But it's not just that – you see things differently.

"We came back from Tacloban just before Christmas. And when you get home and you see people with presents and things you think about those people who don't even have houses or food to eat.

"Christmas didn't feel quite right last year. It made me a little uneasy."

Dr Taylor rejoins the list of 800 medical staff who could get the call the next time a natural disaster strikes the world, but believes he is probably unlikely to go again.

That has not stopped him, however, putting himself in the firing line should he be needed in the future.

He added: "For those 100 people we helped, it felt like we did one of the things they needed to get their life back together.

"I couldn't do anything about their food or water or their shelter, but for these individuals they needed an operation to help them and we could do that bit.

"Millions still don't have houses and it will take a long time to get that system back and working again.

"Maybe I am now at the back of the queue for the next disaster or maybe they will say 'these people have experience so they should go again'.

"I don't know to be honest, but if they ask me to go again, I would."

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Rare photographic exhibition captures beauty of Monroe

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A REMARKABLE selection of iconic images of Marilyn Monroe have gone on display.

The images capture the beauty of perhaps Hollywood's most famous female and come from the private collection of art collector and publisher Edward Weston.

Until the end of April, they are on display at the Castle Galleries at shopping complex Bluewater.

Mr Weston built the portfolio over five decades and was entranced by

the glamour of the golden era of film, and captured by the beauty of icon Marilyn Monroe.

The photographs follow the film star through her career: from her beginnings as a model and actress in 1948, to her final photo shoot in 1962, just two weeks before she was found dead.

The collection comprises the works of Laszlo Willinger, Andre De Dienes, Kashio Aoki and George Barris who were some of the doomed star's most trusted photographers.

A spokesman for the exhibition said: "Through photography, they document Marilyn's life in the spotlight and capture the star both at the height of

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“ Marilyn was willing to show her public the real Marilyn Monroe, the real Norma Jeane. She would hide nothing in our photos. No magic or make-up in our finished photographs ”

George Barris, who took the last photo of Monroe before her death

her career and at her most vulnerable. “The collection contains some of the most iconic images of Marilyn, including the images taken of her on Tobay Beach in New York by Andre De Dienes.

“De Dienes first came into contact with Marilyn in 1945, when he hired her for one of her earliest modelling jobs and their working relationship continued until 1953.

“The collection also includes the last ever professional photographs taken of Marilyn in July 1962, before her untimely death in August that year.”

Taken by photographer George Barris for Cosmopolitan Magazine, Barris said at the time: “Marilyn was willing to show her public the real



Marilyn Monroe, the real Norma Jeane. She would hide nothing in our photos. No magic or make-up in our finished photographs.

“She was wonderful to work with the entire time. She never looked more beautiful.”

Peter Gilby, gallery manager at Castle Galleries, said: “This collection

of photographs holds some truly striking and breathtaking images and capture the very essence of the 20th century’s most enigmatic film icon, Marilyn Monroe.”

Collectors will be able to secure limited prints of the collection – with prices starting from £699.

The exhibition runs until April 30.

Rise and fall of a Hollywood icon

BORN Norma Jeane Mortenson on June 1, 1926, Monroe’s early life was not without challenge.

After her parents separated, her mother was unable to look after her due to both mental and financial issues, and Monroe spent her first seven years in foster homes.

After securing modelling work, she began to attract the attention of movie studios and on changing her name in 1946, starred in comedies and low budget dramas before, in 1953, she realised just what the power of sexuality could achieve.

After posing for the first cover of Playboy magazine, Monroe achieved movie success with films such as Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, Seven Year Itch and Some Like It Hot. But her life had begun to spiral out of control as she became involved in drugs.

In her final years, she is strongly rumoured to have had a fling with President John F Kennedy.

She was found dead at her Los Angeles home on August 5, 1962. She was just 36.

An autopsy claimed it was suicide by way of drug overdose, but speculation as to the true cause of her death continues to this day.



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Nick Wright feared the worst when he suffered a heart attack last year, aged just 36. But after being nursed back to full strength, he is repaying the NHS by volunteering for it, as **Julia Rogers** found out

Heartfelt thanks to NHS team which saved dad-of-one's life

WHEN 36-year-old Nick Wright had a heart attack in September last year his whole world was turned upside down.

The dad-of-one from Dover said he felt weak, lost faith and trust in his body, and had been knocked sideways by an attack at an age when he felt "infallible".

But just a couple of months on and Mr Wright says he no longer feels like a car with 100,000 miles on the clock, thanks to the NHS.

In fact, so grateful is he to Kent Community Health NHS Trust's cardiac rehabilitation team, which has helped build him back to full strength, he has joined the team as a volunteer.

"I feel like I've been in one of those NHS ads where they present you with all the team that helped to put you back together," he said.

"It's amazing. I couldn't fault the care from the first step."

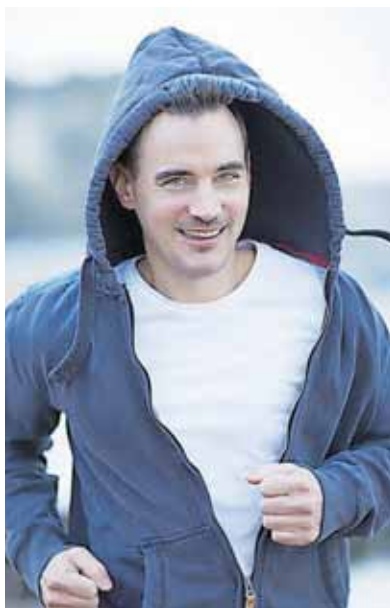
Mr Wright, who works for Border Force at Dover docks, had worked a night shift on September 4 when he woke up with pains in his arms and legs.

"I had a terrible crushing pain in my chest. I did what most smokers would do and thought a cigarette would clear it," he said.

"Being a typical man, I didn't want to phone an ambulance, but my 10-year-old daughter Charlotte was with me, so I phoned my brother first, and then called an ambulance."

Within minutes a first responder arrived, followed shortly by the paramedics, who started administering drugs and carried out an electrocardiogram (ECG).

"I was on the floor in the living room. I thought my daughter was watching television, then I saw tears streaming down her face. Before I knew it,



FIGHTING FIT: "I'm 100 times better," says Nick Wright after undergoing cardiac rehabilitation

I was being strapped to a chair and on my way to Ashford hospital."

Mr Wright was awake while surgeons skillfully manoeuvred the stent through his wrist to open up the artery in his heart.

Within two days he was fit and well enough



to be discharged into the care of the community cardiac rehabilitation team.

"I remember someone coming to talk to me about cardiac rehabilitation. I felt so much better knowing the cardiac team was there when I came out of hospital," he said.

The cardiac rehab team is made up of specialist cardiac nurses who help support patients who have had a heart attack, heart surgery, angina, arrhythmia or heart failure.

He was visited by cardiac nurse Pat Keith who talked through what support was available.

"Pat talked to me about the possible triggers for my heart attack," said Mr Wright.

"I don't deal with stress well and my wife and I separated a month before my attack, so Pat referred me for stress counselling and I started the rehab the following week – everything was really speedy.

"I didn't have any trust in myself – I had lost faith in my body.

"At this age, you think you are infallible... and I found out I'm not.

"The great thing about the cardiac team is they are specialists in what they do; they know their stuff, and they have such a community feel you don't feel like you are wasting their time."

After an initial fitness test, everyone is referred to the twice-weekly, eight-week cardiac rehab

“I had a terrible crushing pain in my chest. So I did what most smokers would do and thought a cigarette would clear it”

Nick Wright, on his immediate reaction after suffering the onset of a heart attack

programme, which involves a circuit made up of a number of colour-coded activity stations.

The activities range from anything from knee lifts, squats and jogging to bouncing on a trampolines. It's followed by regular heart rate checks by the team.

Mr Wright said: "It is scary at first. You start doing exercises and you have twinges and pains. You feel nervous, but you know the team are right there with you.

"During the circuits they try to make you hit a certain heart rate, so you are exercising your heart, but you are not doing anything dangerous.

"There are various activity stations; you all do the same, but to different intensities and time limits. I started on 50 seconds for each station and by the end I was doing two minutes.

"They keep such a close eye on you and are always asking how you are feeling, if you've had any changes to your medications.

"There isn't anyone I don't trust. They know what they are talking about and have instilled a lot of confidence in me – they are always smack bang up to date with what's happening with you."

But it wasn't just cardiac fitness the team helped with.

"All the rehab team gave me such good advice and tips on how to change my lifestyle and get rid of traits and routines that had embedded over 20 years," he said.

"They looked at my diet, which was about 30 per cent sausages, pies and lots of heavy stuff full of saturated fat.

"As I do shift work, I lived on takeaways and cooking meant getting a box out of the freezer. Now I cook a lot.

"Being a bloke, I'm one of those people who as soon as something is wrong, I need to fix it. So, as soon as I came out of hospital, I read all about my condition and my medication.

"I was having a few problems with my muscles and looked at the side-effects of my drugs.

"I phoned my cardiac nurse. The great thing is they can change the doses and you don't have to wait to try to get a GP appointment."

He said he can't quite believe the difference the team has made – and has now finished the course.

"I'm a 100 times better, I feel a lot more confident both physically and mentally," Mr Wright said.

"I feel cardiac fit now, I don't worry if I have to jog somewhere and people have started to remark I look better. I'm eating better – and it means my daughter is too.

"I have just got a referral from the team for my local gym for 12 weeks. The stress counselling, from Debbie Louca, helped too.

"Debbie's part of the team so understands what I've been through and the issues. We've looked at how I deal with stress and she also helped me cope with getting back to work.

"I've now said goodbye to the cardiac team, but I know I can call them whenever I need to. I feel like a kid learning to ride a bike; at first I was gripping on for dear life with them all around me and gradually they have let go without me noticing.

"I really have felt supported and now I'd like to give something back, which is why I'm looking forward to helping others."

Julia Rogers is head of communications at Kent Community Health NHS Trust

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There's no block to funding flood defences or fuelling our ambition

Chief secretary to the Treasury, Liberal Democrat **Danny Alexander**, was in the county this week. In a special article penned for KoS, he discusses flooding, apprenticeships and rejecting the rise of Ukip



I'M delighted to have had the opportunity to visit Kent and in particular to see the campaigning work of my Liberal Democrat colleague Jasper Gerard in Maidstone and the Weald.

My visit comes at a pivotal time for the economy of Kent and the UK.

Growth has returned, there are record numbers of people in work, unemployment is falling and inflation is under control.

This increasing tide of better economic news is already helping the economy of Kent.

Employment in Kent has risen by 17,700 on the year, and the claimant count for Kent has fallen by 5,808 (20.9 per cent) over the year.

There were many consequences of the great economic crash of 2008, but in my view the threat to people's jobs was one of the most damaging.

Being out of work doesn't just damage people and families financially.

It corrodes their self-confidence as well. In the case of young people, this can affect their entire career.

That's why I'm so proud of the apprenticeship programme.

There have been more than 1.5 million apprenticeship starts since 2010, with 39,880 apprenticeship starts in Kent, of which 22,940 have been apprentices aged 24 and under.

I was delighted to accompany Jasper Gerard on a visit to MidKent College which is heavily engaged in the programme.

My party's vision is to build a stronger economy and a fairer society.

Initiatives like the apprenticeship programme are a vital component of the steps to make that vision a reality.

This scheme is so important that we are giving extra help to businesses with less than 1,000 employees.

We are offering them a grant of £1,500 for every new apprentice aged 16-23 they recruit (up to 10 apprentices), providing they have not employed an apprentice within the last 12 months.

I regularly go out canvassing in my own area and I know the apprenticeship scheme is incredibly popular, particularly with older people who remember years ago it was the recognised route into work for generations of young people.

I'm proud we've rekindled this idea. What strikes me about talking to young people benefitting from the scheme is how much it boosts their confidence.

My visit to Kent had been organised many months ago, long before this winter and the deluge of bad weather that has led to so much flooding and storm damage, particularly across the south of the country.

I felt it would be totally wrong not



WORKING: Apprenticeships feed future prosperity (above) while the senior Lib Dem also visited flood hit Yalding (lower photo courtesy of ATEC-3D)

to acknowledge the suffering of people affected by the storms here in your county.

That's why I changed my schedule to meet some of the residents and business people of Yalding which has suffered so badly.

I hope I was able to reassure them the Government is working flat out to deliver help on a range of initiatives to help with this crisis including immediate help with council tax relief/

business rate relief through to working with the insurance industry to ensure future access to insurance cover for flood area residents.

There was a great deal of interest in flood defences in general and in the specific flood defence schemes that could help protect their village.

I hope I was able to comfort residents that as a Government we are spending more on flood defences and that we are the first Government to

set out a long-term vision through to 2020 for this investment, so the Environment Agency can plan future work more effectively.

Understandably, I was pressed about schemes to help the Yalding area and I was able to correct some of the recent national reports which suggested these schemes had been delayed.

They have not been delayed. They are still being developed by the Environment Agency and I will press them to complete the design and development work as soon as possible.

It is clear to me that protection for this village is much needed.

The final solution will require a combination of Treasury funding and local authority contributions.

I confirmed I will make sure there is no barrier in the Treasury for its part of any final funding package.

My party went into coalition in 2010 to repair the British economy after it had been comprehensively wrecked by the previous Labour Government.

The country was on its knees. To get Britain back on its feet we set out a sound economic plan and resolved to stick to it.

As a result, we have had to take some very difficult decisions. However, because we have stuck to the plan, we've been able to help people all across the country in a number of ways.

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One of the main risks to our recovery is giving the impression to the business community that our country is even flirting with leaving the EU.

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PICTURESQUE: The mountains in Morzine where Paul Eyre moved to from Bromley in 1994



Ski holiday the spark for a new life abroad

Paul Eyre went in search of a new beginning on a skiing holiday in France two decades ago. He talks to **Greg Miles** about what has happened since...

IN 1994 a disillusioned Paul Eyre gave up his job as a quantity surveyor and headed off for a season's skiing in France with ambitions to later travel on to Australia.

Twenty years down the line he is married, has three children and runs five chalets ranked among the best in the ski resort of Morzine.

That claim was confirmed this week when his hotel group, Chilly Powder, received three Travellers Choice Awards from TripAdvisor. It is currently ranked number one out of 49 hotels in Morzine on the website.

It is not surprising when you learn it has slope to door skiing and access to paragliding, mountain boarding, ice climbing, glacier walks, ice diving and white water rafting.

Mr Eyre, originally from Bromley, went to the town, which

is nestled in the French Alps near the Swiss border, with enough savings to see him through a season on the slopes but after falling in love with his now wife, Francesca, he decided to stay put and left Kent behind.

Now they run five chalets, with a main hotel with 17 beds, and two catered and two self catered apartments.

“In that first season we had 70 people stay. It was a case of just existing. If we could cover the cost to stay we were happy.”

“I had spent a period of time in the construction business as a quantity surveyor,” said the 47-year-old. “I was getting disillusioned with the way the

industry was going.

“That first season I came out here I knew I was going to take a couple of years out so I wanted to do a ski season first. I didn't have a lot of money but enough to keep me going for the first season.

“I knew one person out here who was working who put me up before the season started. I then went around the whole town getting to know people.

“I met a group of four, two girls and two men, not couples, but they rented an apartment for the season and I paid them £600 to stay on their sofa bed.”

It was when he decided to look for work that the seeds of his future were sewn.

“I then met the brother of my now wife who was trying to get a hotel ready for the season, I went along and helped out,” he said.

“It was a bit of a comedy what they were trying to do, but I helped out and worked as a bit of a handy

man. That's how I met my wife Francesca. That season passed and it was one of the best winter seasons there. We had something like 17m of snow.

“My plan was to go off to Australia next, although I hadn't booked any flights. But I met Francesca and she wanted to stay and was looking to run a chalet.

“She had sold her business in the UK and was looking to run something the next year.”

Meeting his future wife and a change of the season made his mind up about what he should do. At face value you would think the mountainous resort is just a ski destination, but once it has thawed out and the summer is in full swing it offers a completely different kind of holiday for adventurers.

“Everybody waxed lyrical about the summers and how much there

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was to do. That was what changed everything," he said. "We decided to put something together to stay and set up the business."

"We started off on a very small scale. I had no savings by that stage, although Francesca had something."

It was a small start compared to what they have got now but came just at the right time as Morzine suddenly became the destination of choice for thrill-seekers.

Determined only to grow organically, rather than more radically, it meant when the credit crunch later arrived they avoided being as over-stretched as many others.

"We took on a lease of a property with five bedrooms in a decent location in the centre of town," he said. "Those were the days before the internet. I wouldn't say it was easy. We did have a head start though, because Francesca is a very good chef."

"In that first season we had 70 people stay. It was a case of just existing, just to be there. If we could cover the cost to stay we were happy."

"When we first started here there were five British operators but when the internet arrived and Easyjet began flying into Geneva, it exploded."

"Because of the ease of access from Geneva it went from about five operators to about 160 chalets in Morzine."

"Things got better the second and third year though. We took out a lease on a second property and hired some staff and ran one chalet each."

"We did that for about five years. But then our first son was born in 1997. We knew at that stage we were going to have to get more serious about it."

Rather than just getting by they decided to build their own chalet from scratch, which came about thanks to generosity from family and friends.

"It was all well and good being able to make enough money to stay there, but we couldn't do that forever," he said. "That's when we were looking to build somewhere and get some investment. We wanted to build a secure future together."

"We bought a plot of land at a very good price because it had not really taken off too much at that stage."



BASE CAMP: The Chilly Powder hotel is nestled in the mountains

"We put together a business plan and some family friends took a chance and put half the money for the project together which allowed us to get a bank loan."

"It was a big project at the

time, it was about €2m."

While other projects in the town came and went Chilly Powder stood the test of time – and the world financial crisis

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which meant the number of tourists dropped dramatically. Their survival has been thanks to making sure they know their market inside out.

"It was busy enough in our first season in the new build that it wasn't a financial strain, but it was never easy," he said. "There was a lot of learning on the job."

"We were in a good location though and we targeted families by having the crèche on site. The decisions we made were good decisions. We just got more successful as we went on."

“When you're building a hotel and talking to architects and builders you learn to speak French pretty quickly. It's all about integrating”

"Over the years there have been operators that have expanded too quickly and it hasn't worked out. Our focus was on building a successful business, but with a lot of repeat business."

"That worked when the banking crisis hit. We could rely on a big bank of people coming back. It was a very difficult time but we got through it better than a lot of others who fell by the wayside."

Although it is a classically French town there are enough familiar accents to make them feel at home on foreign soil, however, speaking the language became a necessity



SEASONS: Morzine is also great for outdoor activities in the summer, and the interior of the Chilly Powder hotel, right, offers a cosy retreat in winter

when the building project started.

"There's a big ex-pat community here," he said. "But it's a very French environment."

"There is a lot of goodwill between the French and English and when you're building a hotel and talking to architects and builders, you learn to speak French pretty quickly. It's all about integrating."

While all this was going on he also started a family, with his children, Ben, 16, Eloise, 11 and Jamie, 9, all being born on French soil and all heavily into their sport. What's more

their nationality loyalty appears well shared out. Their father explains:

"The kids are very sporty; they represent France at ice hockey, and play judo, and ski," he said. "They love coming back to Kent and being tourists. We go and see all the castles in the county and go up to London."

"They do feel more British still than French, even though they have got the rights to be French."

"Having lived in France all their lives and been funded by the French we might get chased out of town if they didn't compete for France."



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Gigging with legends

An email sent in jest has led to the gig of a lifetime for a band from Tunbridge Wells. **Greg Miles** finds out more...

ATHREE-piece band will be fulfilling a few childhood dreams by warming up a capacity London crowd for rock legends Wilko Johnson and Roger Daltrey on Tuesday.

The Standard Lamps (TSL), based in Tunbridge Wells, will be supporting the duo of Dr Feelgood and The Who fame for their one-off, sold out gig at the Shepherd's Bush Empire.

Johnson, a founding member of Dr Feelgood, was diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer a year ago and penned 10 original songs with Daltrey for the album Going Back Home, released this month.

TSL, made up of Matt Bennie on drums, James Livett on bass and guitar vocalist Mike Wilton, have been touring the country's pubs and clubs since 2010, but got the gig after



Picture: CHRIS POPE

THE STANDARD LAMPS: James Livett, left, Mike Wilton and Matt Bennie

a hometown show with Johnson.

He played three dates at the Tunbridge Wells Forum in January on which TSL supported twice.

Wilton said: "I went back stage to get an autograph and was chatting to his manager. She was there the next day too and asked for some CDs and a contact name."

"We have kept in touch and I jokingly emailed saying we would be available for the Shepherd's Bush show. The following Monday she got back to me and said 'you're on'."

"It was only supposed to be a joke."

"I can imagine there were a few bands lined up to do that support slot. Wilko's manager obviously saw something in us."

It is a huge opportunity for the group to make a breakthrough with a captive audience of 2,200 in London after all their hard graft on the local scene.

"We have played the Local and Live festival in Tunbridge Wells and there's always a lot of people, maybe 1,000," said Wilton.

"The thing is we know a lot of people in those crowds, but in this audience we don't know anybody apart from our parents, girlfriends and wives. There have been many times when we have thought about getting a proper job, but this goes to show you have got to carry on doing it because you never know what's going to happen."

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3 Winter Gardens, Margate,

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Scientific approach pays off for distillery

After the boom in microbreweries in recent years, the next 'big thing' in the industry is the small scale distillery. **Greg Miles** spoke to two scientists who are creating their own niche in the market after being made redundant.

TWO scientists who were made redundant have remained in high spirits after opening up their own distillery.

Andy Reason and Norman Lewis left their jobs with pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmithKline in 2010 and after patiently waiting for licences, the right premises and refining their distillation techniques, they have opened up their own facility.

Anno Distillery in Marden, near Maidstone, is home to a 300-litre capacity still, aptly named Patience after their three-year wait to get operational.

It has proved the perfect new line of work for the duo who are able to continue getting their science fix while creating their favourite tipples using ingredients from the Garden of England.

Although starting off with a gin, they hope to move on to a summer drink, flavoured vodkas and maybe a whisky further down the line.

“We didn't want to do what many others have done and go into consulting in the industry. We wanted to do something radically different but using our skills”

While their main focus is their own product they also do contract work with their still.

“It was part of our thinking that we had a lot of scientific skills built up over the years of taking small processes and scaling them up for manufacturers,” said 58-year-old Mr Reason.

“The idea of starting something similar and getting to large scale was not frightening to us, and we have been using our skills to formulate our gin.

“So we started by doing a lot of small scale distillations to understand how the flavours came through in the gin.”

Gin was not the original thought though, as he explains: “I suggested whisky and Norman did the cash flow projections, but we very quickly realised it was all well and good making something we liked



THE MIXERS: Andy Reason, left, and his daughter Kim with fellow founder of Anno Distillery in Marden, near Maidstone, Norman Lewis

but we needed to be able to sell it.

“Legally you have to keep whisky in a barrel for three years before you can sell it as whisky.

“We really wanted to do something to work together because we are good friends. We didn't want to do what many others have done and go into consulting in the industry. We decided that's very much the same thing we did before. We wanted to do something radically different but using our skills.”

It was 2010 when they left their jobs based in Hildenborough, near Tonbridge, having both worked for

the company for a number of years around the south east.

The distillery started life in August 2011 but it wasn't until the end of 2012 that they received their current still.

They then had to wait until March 2013 for their various licences to be granted and eventually started production in October last year.

They were far from idle though during their wait. Mr Reason had a small 1lt capacity still working away at his home as they went through the process of picking and choosing ingredients, or botanicals

as they are known in the industry.

“We thought we would go back to the roots of gin and went to the British Library and had a look at the start of gin production in Holland,” said Mr Reason.

“We researched what everybody had done in the meantime as many have published what the botanicals are but not the quantities.

“We looked at 50 botanicals and narrowed it down to a small group that we would like to work with and then distilled each of those separately to understand the flavours they brought to the spirit. We ended up with 16 botanicals in total.

“While we waited for the licence we worked with a small still that meant my house was registered as a premises for alcohol production. I had a very patient wife.

“My daughter Kim was away teaching scuba diving in Malaysia at the time. But when she came back she helped out and works full time as she has a masters in business.”

The beer industry has seen a surge of microbreweries in the last couple of years and Mr Lewis, 59, who lives in Southborough near Tunbridge Wells, feels spirits will follow in the same footsteps.

“What's happened in the US is the microbrewing started 20 years ago and has moved over to the UK,” he said.

“The smaller scale distillery companies are quite prevalent in the US. They have been going for the last 10 years and that's coming across here now.

“Things are taking off with it, there is a lot of interest in gin in all age groups.

“The cocktail market has dramatically increased over the last few years. There are more cocktail bars around, particularly in the big cities.

“The mixologists are becoming much more intricate in the way they produce their cocktails too. They like to have a range of different flavours to play with.

“Some spirits are going down in terms of sales, like plain vodka for instance is not as interesting to people as it was five years ago.

“Many of the gins available are a bit harsh, but with craft distilleries producing smoother drink people are waking up to the idea now.”

Finger-licking good tapas transforms an unbeliever

El Cortador

Location: Folkestone

By Marijke Cox

I'm not a big fan of sharing food. It's taken years to admit it, but going to a restaurant, choosing a dish that makes your mouth water and then having to go halvesies or thirdsies, or worse, doesn't appeal.

I become resentful as I watch that last forkful of the dish, I chose, make its way into someone else's mouth.

Or irritable that instead of delving in, I have to take tentative spoonfuls

so as not to appear greedy.

Too much social politics, therefore I avoid such restaurants.

It does mean, however, I miss out on some of the delights of the food-sharing world.

Tapas, for example, being one.

But, after consistently hearing great reviews about a new tapas bar called El Cortador in Folkestone's Old High Street, I broke my own rule and booked a table.



STREETS AHEAD: El Cortador, in Folkestone, offers a friendly, warm atmosphere with reasonably priced good food

On a Wednesday night, mid-February, the place was almost full.

A good sign in my book.

A relaxed and cosy atmosphere welcomed us, with a hubbub of chatter above Spanish music and a friendly, chatty waitress who seated us at our table.

Ordering a beer and wine, my companion and I looked at the menu: it was varied with a selection of traditional Spanish favourites, with meat, fish and vegetarian dishes.

We ended up choosing eight to share between two of us – which worked out perfectly.

Starting with a bowl of olives, we were then served a tortilla chorizo – a Spanish omelette with chorizo – padron peppers, a portion of paella

and garlic prawns.

The flavours were bold and delicious; the padron peppers sprinkled with salt with a hint of chilli heat and the prawns covered in a sizzling garlic and chilli marinade.

Chatting over wine, enjoying good food, picking off all the different plates, switching dishes, licking fingers – I was enjoyed this relaxed style of dining.

I'd been to tapas places in the past which always seemed a bit more regimented and the servings quite small, but by the time the final dish came I was feeling quite stuffed even though the plates weren't that big.

Chorizo in red wine, meatballs and patatas bravas – potatoes in a spicy tomato sauce – rounded off the meal

and we both sat full and satisfied.

The atmosphere is perhaps what clinched it for me, however.

Tucked away in the Old High Street, it's in a winning location; strolling down the cobbled street and into the warmth of this laid-back restaurant, it has a certain holiday-esque feel to it. And the prices are pretty reasonable too, with the bill, for the pair of us, coming to £35.

I think, perhaps, this tapas bar has made a convert of me.

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Passes for the old and young alike

KENT County Council's decision to limit children's use of bus passes to school hours is appalling.

National and local governments should get together so that from 2015 onwards under-18s and over-65s are treated equally.

Discrimination in favour of the old and against the young must stop.

David Hopker, Broadstairs

Wrong to criticise our faith schools

RESPONDING to Denis Cobell's letter (KoS, 02.02), he appears to be using the Kent Freedom Pass issue as an umbrella to criticise Christian faith schools.

These commendable schools need all the support we can give them.

Christianity has been with us for more than 2,000 years, rather longer than the National Secular Society.

The Bishop of Rochester offered considerable food for thought in his interview in KoS (26.01).

May I draw Mr Cobell's attention to page 11, and suggest he reads the bishop's view on Church attendance.

Parents 'seek out' faith schools because they want their children to have the opportunity of being taught Christian values which will stand them in good stead all their lives.

Mary McNulty, Brenchley

Father's destiny with atomic bomb

I WAS interested to read your article about Fort Halstead (KoS 09.02).

During the 1950s, my father George Baker was employed there as a technician.

At the outbreak of the Second World War, he was an engineering apprentice employed by precision instrument makers WF Stanley of New Eltham.

On call-up, he underwent specialist training in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, before becoming an instrument mechanic in the Royal Corps of Signals.

Later, as a member of a four-man signal section attached to 21 Column of the Queen's 16 Brigade, George participated in Operation Thursday [an aerial invasion of Burma in 1944], being the first column to arrive at the start point at Tapag Ga.

It formed part of the Chindits, a British India 'special force' that served in Burma and India.

The Chindits were trained to operate deep behind Japanese lines,

'ISSUE' OF THE WEEK

The decision by BBC Radio Kent to release popular Sunday show hosts PJ and Harris continues to spark debate. Among the many letters received by KoS were the following...

WE had always listened to Radio Kent on weekdays and all day on Sundays.

Alas no longer!

The radio now goes off after the early morning show during the week and straight after Sunday's gardening show.

Why?

We are fed up with the relentless chatter of Julia George in the mornings and then again on Sundays, just repeating what she has already said during the week.

Yes, we may be of the older generation, but we got great enjoyment from the two Pauls' humorous show, letting us know what was going on in the county's theatres, keeping us up to date with the stars of yesterday and playing good music.

J Ives, Broadstairs

THE BBC should let listeners decide when it takes a programme off.

I am an OAP and now I can't listen to the radio on Sundays as it is just the same as I've heard during the week.

Joyce Willis, Sevenoaks

THE changes on the station certainly appear to show a disappointing trend.

In addition to the breakfast show becoming more trivialised, the new four-hour show with Pat and Steve is very similar.

Previously we had two interest-

ing and varied programmes with Steve Ladner at lunchtime and Pat Marsh in the afternoon.

Gone are many of the great features and in their place we have items like phone tracking which surely is of little interest to many.

Generally the station has lost what made it a very good listen.

Ken Gower, via email

THE two Pauls made my Sundays a pleasure.

Please bring them back.

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Old pals' act puts on the brakes

AS MUCH as those like Richard Mountford may wish it, few cars run efficiently at 20mph, (KoS 15.02).

This just produces more waste and pollution.

The car/pedestrian situation should have been re-thought years ago, but looking at the flooding fiasco, who would trust the 'great pretenders' to not just waste money on old mates on large salaries and large pensions, leaving little cash for the real task in hand - as usual.

Phil Granger, West Malling

Support nearly left me speechless

I NEARLY dropped my glass of Shiraz when reading Christopher Hudson-Gool (KoS 09.02) actually agreeing with me for once.

Also reader Colin Packman said he soon caught up with drivers going faster than his steady 50mph on the A2. Perhaps that is because they got caught behind another 50mph driver?

Surely Mr Packman is this only during commuter travelling times, not in free-flowing traffic outside of these times?

These are supposed to be high-speed roads; at least have the courtesy to maintain a relevant speed.

With lower motorway speed limits promised it might be worth stating many European countries have 80mph speed limits. Obviously the Department for Transport think British drivers are worse than our Continental cousins.

Hopefully Ukip will have more enlightened motoring policies and let us use the roads for what they are designed for: the movement of goods and people.

Terry Hudson, Whitstable

Collision course over letter claims

I HAVE to take issue with Richard Mountford for his latest letter (KoS 15.02) giving the impression I am against slower speeds on residential roads and that higher speeds on motorways don't cause pollution. I never said either in previous letters.

In fact, I stated (twice) that I supported slower speed limits, but the case of driving at 20mph, as opposed to 30mph, reduces pollution is not clear-cut.

I also said there is no case for reducing motorway speed limits on safety grounds, as 'mile-for-mile' they are the UK's safest roads.

I did not suggest driving at 80mph is more fuel efficient than 55-60mph (though if one is on a long-run on a motorway, driving appropriately, it can return what most would regard as quite a fuel efficient journey).

I also do not need to be educated by him about driving at 20mph in urban areas, but do dispute his claim I would notice "how little braking you have to do".

Mr Mountford comes across as an idealist who seems to believe if we make our roads quieter and safer, people will take to walking and cycling. Laudable that may be, it's just 'pie-in-the-sky' thinking.

Christopher Hudson-Gool, Maidstone

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by **Jan Omerod**
from Faversham

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County perfect place to create a new 'tech city'

Council chiefs hold London event to highlight the numerous advantages east Kent has to offer digital and technology start-ups, as **Joe Bill** reports...

EAST Kent is being touted as the new 'tech city' after a concerted push to encourage digital and technology firms to relocate to the county.

At an event organised by Kent County Council's Grow For It business development campaign, staged at London's Canary Wharf, leading technology entrepreneurs highlighted the advantages of moving creative digital businesses to the area.

Cheaper office rental and property rates are said to have already helped start-up businesses create emerging tech clusters in Canterbury, Folkestone and Ramsgate.

In addition, increasing deployment of super-fast broadband facilities is allowing firms to capitalise on fast connections.

Founder of Shoreditch shared workspace the Trampery and Government technology advisor, Charles Armstrong, revealed the number of businesses in technology and the creative industries had increased by 400 per cent in east Kent during the past decade.

He said: "That is way above the national average. The revenues for those businesses – which are typically small, employing one, two or three people – grew by five per cent per year during the worst years of the recession, so something very resilient is happening there."

The start-up opportunities for tech businesses also highlighted the county's connections to London – primarily courtesy of the high-speed rail link and easy access to European markets; traditionally

Kent's big trump cards.

Paul Carter, leader of Kent County Council, spoke at the event which was held at tech space providers Level 39.

Cllr Carter said he wanted to build upon this tech growth through KCC's Expansion East Kent scheme which has already loaned £20 million to 50 businesses as part of the Regional Growth Fund.

There is another £15m still available for those businesses looking to open in the east of the county providing a perfect opportunity for new tech groups to move away from the capital.

The Grow For It campaign is centered on the concept of "established meets emerging" as the county looks to emulate the 'tech city' cluster which has set up in east London,

by highlighting the benefits of moving further out.

Also known as Silicon Roundabout, 'tech city' occupies an area of London's East End between Old Street and the Olympic Park in Stratford with its main focus around the Shoreditch area. Technology giants Facebook, Google and Intel have set up offices in the area.

It is hoped it will eventually rival San Francisco's legendary Silicon Valley as a hi-tech focus point.

MP for Folkestone and Hythe Damian Collins was one of the founders of the Grow For It project last year and he wants to continue to bring new businesses to east Kent.

Speaking at the event, he said: "There is great quality of life to living

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Casting a wide net to grow confidence in apprenticeships

AMID the many sectors embracing the benefits of apprentices, the skills council for land-based and environmental industries, Lantra, is making sure it is fully represented.

And ahead of the seventh National Apprenticeship Week, running from March 3-7, it is highlighting some of the areas where taking an apprenticeship can be a vital ladder to success.

Lantra has developed a range of apprenticeship frameworks in a number of industries including agriculture, equine, veterinary nursing, horticulture, animal care, fisheries management, fencing and trees and timber.

Jo-Anne Bryan, its project

manager for apprenticeships, explained: "Lantra's apprenticeship frameworks provide learners and employers alike with many benefits.

"They provide on-the-job training so that employees can contribute to the business whilst gaining the skills and experience that the business needs."

All apprenticeship frameworks have been designed with industry to provide learners with the required knowledge and skills to support future progression in the industry.

Production horticulture, for example, is becoming more technologically advanced, and



FISHERIES: Traditional industries are just some to use young talent

Lantra's horticulture apprenticeship can enhance learners' skills in key areas and dramatically increase their knowledge of this diverse and rewarding industry.

According to figures released by the National Apprenticeship Service, a nationwide survey revealed that 76 per cent of employers believe apprentice-

ships provide higher overall productivity, whilst 83 per cent rely on apprenticeship programmes to develop the skilled workers they need for the future. Furthermore, 88 per cent believe that apprenticeships contribute to a more motivated and satisfied workforce.

See www.lantra.co.uk.

Bridget Jones director visits

BAFTA-winning film director Beeban Kidron spoke openly about her life and career during a special FilmClub gathering at MidKent College recently.

The 52-year-old moviemaker – whose films include Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason – visited the Medway campus to be quizzed by creative media students.

Baroness Kidron won a Bafta in 1991 for her TV drama series Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit. She is also the founder of the national FilmClub charity.

PM advisor opens university event

LORD Young of Graffham, the Prime Minister's advisor on enterprise, launched the University of Kent's Enterprise Day 2014 at its Kent Business School (KBS) recently.

Around 160 current students and graduates as well as members of the regional business community attended the annual event at the Canterbury campus.

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Small business benefits of employing a bookkeeper

By Janet Jack

IF YOU run a small business or are a one-man band, there often is really no need to be using an accountant to compile and file your end-of-year tax returns.

Businesses of that size should usually already be employing the services of a bookkeeper.

You have too much to do to be concerning yourself with keeping an eye on day-to-day finances and cash flow.

If you do employ a bookkeeper, it is likely they will already be looking after your VAT and PAYE returns and other key considerations or elements to be included in any end-of-year calculations.

In all likelihood, they will know and understand the financial side of your business better than you do, so when it comes to pulling together your tax returns, it will really just be about finalising the figures they have been compiling all-year-long.

If you are a small builder and part of the Construction Industry Scheme, life is even easier.

You will already have been paying tax throughout the financial year and your bookkeeper will have been keeping a record.

They can just fill in the final figure for the amount already paid on your return.

Another benefit for the small business owner is that your bookkeeper will be your conscience.

Not only will they be compiling your returns

over the year, when April 5 comes they will chase you for the final figures needed to complete them. As soon as the last of your invoices for the tax year are settled and the money comes in, they can drop the figures in and the returns are good to go.

All this should make perfect sense as reasons for trusting your bookkeeper when it comes to filing your tax return, but there is a second and compelling argument – your bottom line.

Ask a medium-sized accountancy firm to compile your annual return and you could be looking at a minimum fee of £300.

Rely on your bookkeeper and you will probably be charged less, perhaps as little as £100-£150.

For small businesses, where every penny counts, that's a not inconsiderable saving on a job that simply has to be done and done properly.

Of course, there are constraints on the size of business a bookkeeper can help in this way. Once you start getting into limited company territory, then you will need the help of an accountant.

But for small businesses and one-man bands, filing your tax returns really needn't be a complicated, expensive or stressful procedure, as long as you have the right help.

To find a bookkeeper in your area, visit www.iab.org.uk.

■ Janet Jack is chair of the council of the Kings Hill-based International Association of Bookkeepers.





TALKING TECH: Government advisor Charles Armstrong spoke at the Canary Wharf event

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in east Kent. A lot of these tech entrepreneurs are not the type of people who want to be stuck in an office block all day.

"They want to be stimulated in a creative environment and that is what we can offer."

Kent has been swift to create creative co-working spaces for entrepreneurs to get their start-ups off the ground and share ideas with like-minded individuals.

One such space is Canterbury-based Fruitworks, a 2,000sq ft office run by Liam Gooding.

Speaking at the Level 39 event, Mr Gooding explained he had already attracted 50 freelancers to his 'hot desks' at a cost of £80 per month.

And these co-working ventures have taken off elsewhere in the county with the New Romney Business Incubation Centre in Shepway, Maidstone Enterprise Centre, Regus Express at Clacket Lane and Union 23 in Maidstone all setting up in recent months.

Dale Murray CBE – who provides capital for businesses to start up – says she has been en-

couraging new technology firms who are struggling with high rent prices and a lack of opportunities to grow to move to east Kent.

The investor also revealed that rent for commercial properties is up to 80 per cent cheaper in east Kent than in central London.

“Send them to Kent, why wouldn't you? I would because the transport links are very fast and the rent is going to be far cheaper on workspace”

She estimates it could take two or three years for a comprehensive business cluster to develop in east Kent.

She said: "Send them to Kent, why wouldn't you? I would because the transport links are very fast – it is within an hour of London – and the rent is going to be significantly cheaper on workspace. For some businesses this will be a very good alternative, a better alternative."

Green light given to build college's £3.3m Centre for Creative Industries

EAST Kent College has secured planning permission from Thanet District Council to build its proposed £3.3 million Centre for Creative Industries.

The facility, which will develop skills and training in digital industries and other creative sectors, secured a £1.6m government grant, plus an additional £1.7m of private funding.

Due to open its doors in January 2015, the centre will include an auditorium, digital media suite and music performance spaces to help students develop a hands-on experience of working within creative industries.

The digital sector is rated among the fastest growing industries in the UK. Including interactive media, web development, digital broadcasting and music production, computer programming as well as video gaming, the area is rapidly expanding, particularly in east Kent.

Director of projects at East Kent College Nick Holbrook-Sutcliffe said: "The centre will ensure our students receive up to date,

relevant training preparing them for the highest level of progression in study and employment goals within this rewarding sector.

"It will offer new creative apprenticeships and delivery models as well as develop the business skills required in multifunctional, creative roles such as marketing, finance and talent management.

"The centre will also deliver training for professionals and high-quality CPD [continuing professional development] opportunities to individuals and SMEs which need to consider up-skilling in a specific specialism.

"We have invested significantly in the education of people in our wider community, linking with employers and stakeholders to tackle the issues of social inequality that people face, particularly in east Kent."

Conservative MP for South Thanet, Laura Sandys, said the grant was a "ringing endorsement" of the college and likely to be "hugely beneficial" to students and the wider community.

B2B conference opportunity to network and apply for a share in interest-free funding

By Joe Bill

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BOTH established and new business owners are gearing up for their chance to grill the experts at the annual West Kent B2B conference.

Run by Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, the event will allow firms to speak to industry leaders, take part in speed networking groups as well as find out more about the west of the county's interest-free business loan opportunity – Escalate.

Members of West Kent Partnership, which comprises Sevenoaks District Council and representatives of Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge & Malling councils, will be available to discuss how to apply for a share of the £5.5 million funding and what criteria is needed.

The Escalate programme was launched in December last year as part of the Government's Regional Growth Fund, focusing on investing in projects around the west of the county.

As well as developing business contacts, the B2B event will also include several expert speaker sessions where attendees can find out new techniques and skills to increase sales and profitability.

Chief executive of Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce Jo James said: "These B2B events are really high quality, engaging and informative."

"They offer businesses not only the opportunity to meet and network with a huge range of



A VOICE: Annual West Kent B2B Conference

local and Kent-wide firms, but also the chance to gain invaluable insight from leading business speakers – a must in the diary of any business."

The event takes place at the River Centre, Tonbridge, on Wednesday, April 30.

Meanwhile, a networking group for business women in Kent will continue its popular events in 2014.

Professionally Pink, co-hosted by law firm Brachers and the Kent office of the accountancy firm Crowe Clark Whitehill, resume on February 26 at Maidstone restaurant Bridges.

Louise Brenlund, from the law firm, said: "Women in business form a crucial backbone of the local Kent business community and they appreciate this forum as an opportunity to exchange ideas and discuss any issues and solutions they or their businesses may be facing."

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Directors Vaughan Meiklejohn and Nigel Banks are pleased to announce the centre is able to provide ATA training and assessment for MET, panel, paint, light vehicle diagnostics and inspection routes, together with short courses in welding, air-conditioning, diagnostic equipment and four-wheel alignment.

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Apprenticeships putting our young on the right course

ACCORDING to a recent survey by totaljobs.com, two out of five graduates are still looking for work six months after completing their studies, leaving many of them asking if they made the right choice to follow an academic route instead of a vocational apprenticeship.

With a 24 per cent increase in the number of apprenticeship vacancies posted online between August to October 2013, apprenticeships really do appear to be growing in popularity among both employers and young people.

An apprenticeship programme is a great way to earn a salary, while studying towards a nationally recognised qualification.

Paul Emmett, 19, started his Bromley College apprenticeship in financial services in January 2013.

"After exploring my options at degree level, I realised that an apprenticeship would offer me even more opportunities," he said.

"I've always wanted to work in the financial services industry and becoming an apprentice

gave me a direct route into the sector.

"I've nearly completed my apprenticeship – it has been great as I have learnt so much about the insurance market.

"I'm working towards my Chartered Insurance Institute Certificate (Cert CII) and I hope to progress on to the diploma and continue my career with Belmont International.

I'd recommend an apprenticeship as it is such a great way to get vital work experience and study towards a qualification at the same time."

Bromley College of Further & Higher Education offers a range of apprenticeships and is holding an Apprenticeship & Traineeship Fair at their Bromley Campus on Thursday, March 6, between 4.30-7.30pm.

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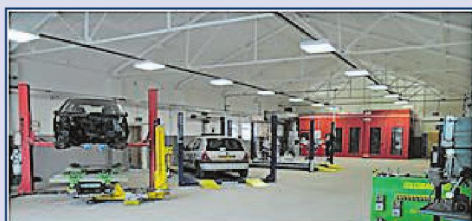
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The healthy eating cookery workshop will show people how to not only cook healthily, but how to do so on a tight budget.

The workshop will be delivered by NWKC's highly experienced head chef, Michelle Lewis, who works at the college in the Gallery Restaurant. The workshop will enable participants to go away with a better knowledge of healthy eating and some great recipe ideas to try.

The cookery workshop takes place on Saturday, March 1, between 10am and noon, at the Gravesend campus.

The workshop is available to anyone over the age of 19. To book a place on the free cookery



VITAL LESSON: NWKC's cookery course is to highlight the importance of healthy eating

workshop, contact Marilyn Cooper-Thorne on 01322 629637.

To find out more about hospitality and catering courses at NWKC, the next open day will be on Wednesday, March 12, from 3-8pm.

For more information visit the website www.nwkc.ac.uk or call 0800 074 1447.

Apprentice on crest of wave after back-to-work scheme

A DOVER man has transformed his life after a unique back-to-work training scheme.

Josh Francis, age 23, from Victoria Park is now four months into his trainee ICT engineer role with the Port of Dover.

But it was only made possible following a successful Change Direction programme run by Isle of Wight youth charity UKSA and supported by maritime organisations.

It is a unique four-week course for 16 to 24-year-olds seeking to move off benefits and into employment and involves a two-week residential at UKSA's Cowes headquarters made up of marine industry workshops and water-based activities, followed by another two weeks of hands-on work experience back home.

Some 85 per cent of all participants to date have moved into some form of work or training.

Mr Francis said: "I'd been unemployed for 18 months and felt really low and worthless, so when my local Job Centre Plus recommended Change Direction last summer I jumped at the chance. It was brilliant fun and I learnt so much in a short space of time.

"My communication skills improved and I became a lot more assured around new people, plus I discovered a new-found confidence around the water, having not had much to do with boats before.

"The work experience with the Port of Dover's marine team was fun and varied too



TRAINING: Josh Francis back in workplace

and I got stuck into cleaning and maintaining the launch boats, working in the engine room on the dredger, as well as a stint on the cruise ships.

"I was made to feel like a proper member of the team and it definitely made me determined to get a permanent job.

"Consequently, I did some voluntary work at the Port of Dover as soon as the course finished and shortly after applied for a position at the marina as part of the port's new apprenticeship scheme. I just missed out, but the HR lady put me forward for the ICT apprenticeship – and I haven't looked back since."

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PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY & VILLAGE GREENS

PROW – IN THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH AW65 (PART) AT EGERTON) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2014

The above named Order made on 12th February 2014 under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 will divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered AW65 which commences at NGR TQ 8942 4797 (point A on the Order plan) and runs east for 16 metres, thence north-east for 70 metres, thence east-south-east for 190 metres, and thence south-south-east for 60 metres to NGR TQ 8964 4788 (point B on the Order plan). (Between points A-B on the Order plan). It will add a new length of public footpath numbered AW65 with a width of 2.0 metres, which commences at the aforementioned point A and runs south-west for 45 metres, thence east-south-east for 140 metres, thence east-north-east for 80 metres, and thence east-south-east for 50 metres to the aforementioned point B. (Between points A-B on the Order plan).

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AS or at the Kent County Council, PROW & Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there at the price of £5.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Maria McLauchlan at the Kent County Council (address as below). (Tel: 01622 696871) (email: maria.mclauchlan@kent.gov.uk) not later than 24th March 2014. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that objections/representations cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain. Copies of any objections or representations received may be disclosed to interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

PROW – IN THE DISTRICT OF DOVER

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ER37 IN THE PARISH OF ST MARGARETS AT CLIFFE

PUBLIC FOOTPATH ER37 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has made an Order the effect of which is to temporarily close Public Footpath ER37, between Bay Hill and the Pill box on the sea front for a distance of 100 metres from the 16th February 2014.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months.

The path is closed because of a land slip and the likelihood of danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact Denise Roffey
Contact Centre no. 03000 417171

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

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PROW – IN THE CITY OF CANTERBURY

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH CB148 IN THE PARISH OF LITTLEBOURNE

PUBLIC FOOTPATH CB148 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has made an Order the effect of which is to temporarily close Public Footpath CB148, between its junction with Swanton Lane and Public Footpath CB151 from the 17th February 2014.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen sooner.

The path is closed because works to install a solar park are planned near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is via CB147 and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact Louise Adams

Contact Centre no. 03000 417171

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

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PROW – IN THE BOROUGH OF DARTFORD

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH DR103 IN THE PARISH OF WILMINGTON

PUBLIC FOOTPATH DR103 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has made an Order the effect of which is to temporarily close Public Footpath DR103, between its junction with Oakfield Lane and its junction with Public Footpath DR104 from the 20th February 2014.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months.

The path is closed because there is a potential danger to the public from adjacent trees.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact John Pelham

Contact Centre no. 03000 417171

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

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PROW – IN THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE

NOTICE OF MODIFICATION ORDER WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH KM340 AT MARDEN) DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2014

The above Order was made on 17th January 2014 under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. If confirmed, it will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a Public Footpath with a width of 5 metres commencing from a point on Roughlands Lane Marden at the junction of Public Footpaths KM253 and KM332 and continuing along Roughlands Lane in a north westerly direction for 280 metres to the junction with Public Footpath KM250 at Roughlands Farm.

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order and Map may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may also be purchased there at the price of £5.

Any representation about or objection to the Order must be sent or delivered in writing to Mr Chris Wade at the Kent County Council (address as below) no later than 7th April 2014. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that objections/representations cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain. Copies of any objections or representations received may be disclosed to interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

If no such representations or objections are duly made to the Order (or to any part of it), or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council, instead of submitting the Order to the Secretary of State (or part

of it if the Authority has by Notice to the Secretary of State so elected under paragraph 5 of schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) may itself confirm the Order (or that part of the Order). If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment (in whole or in part), any representations or objections which have been duly made and not been withdrawn will be sent with it.

PROW – IN THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH SR625 IN THE PARISH EDENBRIDGE

PUBLIC FOOTPATH SR625 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has made an Order the effect of which is to temporarily close Public Footpath SR625, between its junction with SR626 and its junction with Lydens Lane from the 18th February 2014.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months.

The path is closed because works to assess and replace a damaged bridge are to be carried out and there is a danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact Nicky Biddall

Contact Centre no. 03000 417171

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

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PROW – IN THE BOROUGH OF SWALE

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZU1 IN THE PARISH OF SITTINGBOURNE

PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZU1 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has made an Order the effect of which is to temporarily close Public Footpath ZU1 between its junction with Gas Road and Milton Creek road bridge from the 17 February 2014.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months.

The path is closed because works to assess and repair the footpath after a landslide are to be undertaken and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is along Swale Way, over Milton Creek to roundabout, right into Castle road, right along Erolink Way and Mill Way to Gas Road.

For detailed enquiries please contact Michael Ellis

Contact Centre no. 03000 417171

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

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PROW – IN THE DISTRICT OF THANET

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH TE37 IN THE PARISH OF MINSTER

PUBLIC FOOTPATH TE37 (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath TE37, between its junction with Durluck and

Church Street and its junction with Public Footpath TE40 from the 14th March 2014.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before April 2014.

The path is to be closed because maintenance and upgrading works to the rail crossing are to be carried out and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is via Public Footpath TE40 and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact Michael Ellis

Contact Centre no. 03000 417171

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

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PROW – IN THE BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATHS WBX17 AND WBX18, TUNBRIDGE WELLS) DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2013

On 12 February 2014 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order without modifications.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding:

A Public Footpath WBX17 which commences at the northern end of Clanricarde Road and runs in an easterly direction. After 13 metres there is a connection with Public Footpath WBX18. After 19 metres there are two bollards. The path has a total length of 59 metres and connects with Mount Pleasant Road. At its junction with Mount Pleasant Road there are a further two bollards. The path has a width of 3.5 metres (between the points A and B on the Order Plan).

A Public Footpath WBX18 which commences on Church Road adjacent to property No.3 and runs in a southerly direction. After 6 metres there is a gate with a 1 metre gap to the west for pedestrians. The path has a total length of 73 metres and connects with Public Footpath WBX17. The path has a width of 4.4 metres except where it passes to the west of the aforementioned gate where the width is reduced to 1.0 metre (between the points C and D on the Order Plan).

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during office hours at the offices of the Tunbridge Wells Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN11 2AB or at the Kent County Council, PROW & Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and map may also be purchased there at the price of £5.

This Order became operative as from 12 February 2014 but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(c)(i) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 23 February 2014 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

Public Rights of Way and Access Service

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Invicta House
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ME14 1XX

Dated: 23rd February 2014

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HIGHWAYS – ASHFORD AREA

**B2080 THE STREET, APPLEDORE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to repair a cable fault in the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of B2080 The Street, Appledore.

A closure is planned for Sunday 2 March 2014 for 1 day from 07:00 hours until the works have been completed.

B2080 The Street will be closed between the junctions with Military Road and Court Lodge Road.

There will be no direct access between Tenterden and the Romney Marsh using this route.

The alternative route is via The Street, Tenterden Road, Reading Street, Appledore Road, Woodchurch Road, Brook Street, B2067 Kenardington Road, Warehorne Road, The Street, Marsh Road, Ashford Road, A2070 Ashford Road to Brenzett Corner Roundabout, B2080 Rhee Wall Road and Station Road.

VARIOUS ROADS, ASHFORD (PATCHING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER MARCH 2014**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on various roads within the Ashford district, on or after 10 March 2014.

The roads affected, dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below.

WHITE HILL, BOUGHTON ALUPH – closed for its entire length (between A28 Canterbury Road and A251 Faversham Road)

Monday 10 March 2014 for up to 6 days (including Saturday)

The alternative route is via A28 Canterbury Road, Wye Road & A251 Faversham Road

PLURENDEN ROAD, WOODCHURCH – closed between the junctions with Redbrook Road and Bethersden Road

Monday 17 March 2014 for up to 6 days (including Saturday)

The alternative route is via Redbrook Street and Bethersden Road

STATION ROAD, PLUCKLEY – closed between Lambden Road and the Railway Bridge

Monday 24 March 2014 for up to 6 days (including Saturday)

The alternative route is via Malmains Road, Dowle Street Road, Sparrow Hatch Lane, Bethersden Road & Pluckley Road

It is planned that roads will be closed between 07:30 hours and 17:30 hours each day and re-opened outside these times, but there may be certain occasions when the nature of works prevents a road being re-opened.

HIGHWAYS – DOVER AREA

**ALKHAM VALLEY ROAD, ALKHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

For the safety of the public due to flooding and resultant carriageway damage, Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of Alkham Valley Road, Alkham.

The road is closed for an indefinite period until repairs can be carried out. The length of time that the road needs to be closed depends on the seriousness of the problems, and the amount of ongoing future rainfall.

Alkham Valley Road is closed between the junctions with Standen Lane / Hockley Sole Lane (Lower Standen) and Slip Lane (Alkham).

There is no direct access between Folkestone and Dover using Alkham Valley Road.

The alternative route is via Alkham Valley Road, A260 Canterbury Road, Hill Road, B2011 Dover Hill, New Dover Road, Folkestone Road, A256 York Street, Priory Road, High Street, London Road, Crabble Hill, London Road and Alkham Valley Road.

Due to the Dover one-way system the reverse route through Dover is via A256 Buckland Avenue, Barton Road, Frith Road, Maison Dieu Road and Pencester Road

Traffic can also use the A20 Trunk Road between Folkestone and Dover.

Every effort will be made to try and maintain access for residents, whenever possible and safe to do so.

It will not be possible to re-open the road outside the working hours.

SPINNEY LANE, AYLESHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway resurfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily prohibit

through traffic on part of Spinney Lane, Aylesham.

A closure is planned to commence from 25 February 2014 for up to 4 days, between 07:00 hours and 18:00 hours each day.

Spinney Lane will be closed in phases between the junctions with Cooting Road and Aylesham Road / Ackholt Road.

The alternative route is via Cooting Road, B2046 Adisham Rd, Dorman Avenue North, Market Place, Dorman Avenue South and Clarendon Road.

HIGHWAYS – CANTERBURY AREA

**B2205 CANTERBURY ROAD, HERNE BAY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of bridge maintenance works and repairs, Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of B2205 Canterbury Road, Herne Bay.

Canterbury Road will be closed in the vicinity of the railway bridge.

Overnight closures planned to commence from Monday 24 February 2014 for up to 5 nights, from 21:00 hours through to 05:30 hours each night.

The alternative routes are via

Northbound – via A299 Thanet Way, Margate Road, Mickleburgh Hill and Canterbury Road

Southbound – via Beltinge Road, Sea View Road, Reculver Road, Margate Road, A299 Thanet Way and Canterbury Road

HIGHWAYS – GRAVESHAM AREA

BATTS ROAD, COBHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

**BATTS ROAD, COBHAM, GRAVESHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014**

Because of, a detailed bridge examination being carried out, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Batts Road, Cobham, on or after 15th March 2014 between the hours of 08.00hrs and 20.00hrs for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the railway bridge.

There will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via Henley Street and Gold Street.

**A289, WAINSCOTT NORTHERN BYPASS
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

**A289, WAINSCOTT NORTHERN BYPASS HIGHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014**

Because of, the replacement of the enhanced message sign on the gantry on the westbound carriageway Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on A289, Wainscott Northern Bypass, for up to 2 nights between the hours of 21.00 and 06.00hrs. The dates are as follows:

10th/11th March 2014

11th/12th March 2014

The road will be closed Westbound carriageway from A226 Gravesend Road to M2 Junction 1.

There will be no access for through traffic between these junctions

The alternative route is via The A226 Gravesend Road, B2108 Rede Court Road, A2 Watling Street (westbound) A2 West Bound and coastbound traffic will be diverted off at the Cobham turn off and rejoin the A2, Coastbound via Brewers Road (overbridge) Shorne.

HIGHWAYS – MAIDSTONE AREA

**ARUNDEL STREET, MAIDSTONE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Arundel Street, Maidstone, on or after 10 March 2014 for up to 22 days or until the works have been completed.

The whole length of the road will be closed and also at the junction with Perry Street.

The alternative route is via Hillington Street, Canning Street and Peel Street and for Perry Street via Albert Street and Perryfield Street

NOTICE

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE)****(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) AMENDMENT NO. 5 ORDER 2014**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to :-

Extending the 50 mph speed limit from its junction with Claygate southeastwards for a distance of 711 metres. From this point a 40 mph speed limit is being proposed to finish at a point in Sheephurst Lane 35 metres west of its junction with Goudhurst Road.

A copy of the proposed Order, an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at the offices of the Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD.

Any persons wishing to support the proposal, or to object to it should write to Amanda Murdoch, Ashford Highways Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or email tro@kent.gov.uk quoting the name of the Order and stating their reasons, by no later than 17/03/2014.

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John Burr
Director of KCC Highways and Transportation

NOTICE

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**(VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE)****(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS)****AMENDMENT NO. 4 ORDER 2014**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to :-

Extending the existing 30mph speed limit from a point 40 metres west of Oliver Road to a point 171 metres west of Oliver Road.

A copy of the proposed Order, an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at the offices of the Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD.

Any persons wishing to support the proposal, or to object to it should write to Andy Padgham, Ashford Highways Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or email tro@kent.gov.uk quoting the name of the Order and stating their reasons, by no later than 17/03/2014.

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HIGHWAYS – SEVENOAKS AREA

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS)****(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS)****AMENDMENT NO. 7 ORDER 2013**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council has made an Order under Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to :-

Implement a 50 mile per hour speed limit on sections of A224 Orpington by-pass and A224 London Road

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 02/03/2014, together with, an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at the offices of the Kent County Council, Highways & Transportation, Ashford Highways Depot, 4 Javelin Way, Henwood, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

HIGHWAYS – SHEPWAY AREA

**BROADMEAD ROAD, FOLKESTONE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To allow works to be safely carried out to remove trees along a railway fence line, Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of Broadmead Road, Folkestone.

A closure is planned for Wednesday 26 February 2014 from 08:00 hours until 17:00 hours.

Broadmead Road will be closed from the junction with Cheriton Road to a point to the east of the junction with Wiltie Gardens.

The alternative route is via Cheriton Road, Radnor Park Road, Bournemouth Road and Broadmead Road.

**COLDHARBOUR LANE LEVEL CROSSING, OLD ROMNEY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of level crossing maintenance works, Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on Coldharbour Lane Level Crossing, Old Romney.

A closure is planned to commence from Sunday 2 March 2014 from 08:00 hours to 16:00 hours.

Coldharbour Lane will be closed in the vicinity of the level crossing.

The alternative route is via Midley Wall and Beggarsbush Lane.

**KING STREET LEVEL CROSSING, BRENZETT
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of level crossing maintenance, Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on King Street Level Crossing, Brenzett.

A closure is planned for Wednesday 26 February 2014 from 09:00 hours until 12:01 hours.

King Street will be closed in the vicinity of the level crossing, with no through access.

The alternative route is via Rectory Lane, A259 Straight Lane and B2080 Rhee Wall.

**THE TRAM ROAD, FOLKESTONE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to install warning signs on a bridge, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of The Tram Road, Folkestone.

An overnight closure is planned for Sunday 16 March 2014 from 18:00 hours through until 06:00 hours.

The Tram Road, Folkestone will be closed in the vicinity of the Radnor Bridge Road overbridge.

There will be direct access to Folkestone Harbour during these works.

The alternative route is via A260 Southern Way, Dover Road, Hill Road, Canterbury Road, Black Bull Road, A2033 Foord Road North, New Street, Bradstone Road, Dover Road, Grace Hill, Shellons Street, Middleburg Square, Cheriton Place, Sandgate Road, West Terrace, Road of Remembrance – note 7.5 T weight limit – and Lower Sandgate Road.

Please note that the diversion route is not suitable for vehicles over 7.5 T in weight on Road of Remembrance.

HIGHWAYS – SWALE AREA

**HOLYWELL LANE, UPCHURCH
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To allow safe access to the overhead network for cabling to restore customer phone services, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of Holywell Lane, Upchurch.

Off peak closures are planned to commence from 10 March 2014 for up to 2 days, between 09:30 hours and 15:30 hours each day.

**For further information, please contact
Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,
on 03000 418181 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways**



HIGHWAYS

Holywell Lane will be closed between the properties Tree Tops and Holywell Farm, with no through access.
The alternative route is via Breach Lane, The Street and Holywell Lane.

HIGHWAYS – THANET AREA

ALL SAINTS' AVENUE, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of bridge strengthening and repair works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of All Saints' Avenue, Margate.

A closure is planned to commence from Saturday 15 March 2014 at 00:30 hours through to Monday 17 March at 06:00 hours.

All Saints' Avenue will be closed in the vicinity of the railway bridge.

The alternative route is via A28 Marine Terrace, Canterbury Road, B2052 Hartsdown Road and All Saints' Avenue.

Due to the nature of the works, it will not be possible to re-open the road outside the working hours

HAWLEY STREET & KING STREET, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of road and footway works in connection with the Turner Pedestrian Route Improvements, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on sections of Hawley Street and King Street, Margate, on or after 16 March 2014 as shown below.

B2055 HAWLEY STREET will be closed on the Sundays of 16 and 23 March 2014, with the likelihood of an additional closure on 30 March 2014.

The road will be closed between 10:00 hours and 16:00 hours each Sunday

The closures are between the junctions with Cecil Square and Lombard Street.

The alternative route is via B2055 Trinity Hill, Trinity Square, Northdown Road, Zion Place, B2051 Fort Crescent, Fort Hill, The Parade, Marine Drive, Marine Gardens, Queen Street and Cecil Square.

KING STREET will be closed from 17 March 2014 for 3 weeks, Monday to Saturday each week.

The closures are between the junctions with Hawley Street and Broad Street

The alternative route is via Trinity Hill, Trinity Square, Northdown Road, Zion Place, B2051 Fort Crescent and Fort Road.

Due to the nature of the works, it will not be possible to re-open the road outside the working hours.

SUSSEX STREET, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow the construction of 2 new dwellings, Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of Sussex Street, Ramsgate.

Sussex Street will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with King Street.

A closure is planned to commence from 24 February 2014 for an estimated period of up to 5 months, or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via King Street, Belmont Street and Hardres Street.

Due to the nature of the works, it will not be possible to re-open the road outside the working hours.

IN THE DISTRICT OF THANET

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VICTORIA PARADE, BROADSTAIRS) (PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES) ORDER 2014

The Kent County Council in exercise of their powers under Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3) and 3(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act, hereby propose to make the following Order:-

SCHEDULE

Prohibition of motor vehicles between 10am and 4pm.

SCHEDULE	
Road Name	Length of Order
Victoria Parade, Broadstairs	From its junction with Sea Approach to its junction with John Street

No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed in any of the lengths of road set out in the Schedule to this order between the times specified.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Monday to Friday at Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way

Ashford, TN24 8AD, between 8.30am and 5.00pm.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to the Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager, Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to TRO@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 17th March 2014.

HIGHWAYS – TONBRIDGE & MALLING AREA

BASTED LANE, BOROUGH GREEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of essential electric cable works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Basted Lane, Borough Green, on or after 25 February 2014 for up to 7 days or until the works have been completed.

The whole length of the road will be closed.

The alternative route is via Mill Lane and Thong Lane.

COMMON ROAD, IGHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install a new gas service, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Common Road, Igham, on or after 10 March 2014 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside the property "Faix".

The alternative route is via Sandy Lane, Coach Road and Copt Hall Road.

B2260 HIGH STREET, TONBRIDGE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to re-waterproof the bridge, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting southbound traffic on B2260 High Street, on or after 10

March 2014 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for southbound traffic between A26 Vale Road and Medway Wharf Road.

The alternative route is via A227 Borden/Hadlow Road, A26 Cannon Lane/Vale Road, Sovereign Way, Avenue Du Puy and A26 Vale Road

NOTICE

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF TONBRIDGE AND MALLING

(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS)

AMENDMENT NO. 6 ORDER 2014

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to :-

Introducing a 30 mph speed limit from a point 26 metres from the junction with Rough Way Lane, northward into Long Mill Lane to a point 8 metres south of the junction with Allens Lane.

A copy of the proposed Order, an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at the offices of the Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD.

Any persons wishing to support the proposal, or to object to it should write to Amanda Murdoch, Ashford Highways Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or email tro@kent.gov.uk quoting the name of the Order and stating their reasons, by no later than 17/03/2014.

County Hall
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 1XQ

John Burr
Director of KCC Highways and Transportation

HIGHWAYS – TUNBRIDGE WELLS AREA

REDWINGS LANE, PEMBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install ducts and electric cables, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Redwings Lane, Pembury, on or after 10 March 2014 for up to 7 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The whole length of the road will be closed.

The alternative route is via A228 Maidstone Road/ Pembury Northern By-Pass.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS)

(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS)

AMENDMENT NO. 4 ORDER 2013

For further information, please contact
Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,
on 03000 418181 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council has made an Order under Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to :-

Implement a 40 mile per hour speed limit on sections of Pixot Hill,

Crook Road (Brenchley Road), Holly Bank in the parish of Brenchley

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 02/03/2014, together with, an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at the offices of the Kent County Council, Highways & Transportation, Ashford Highways Depot, 4 Javelin Way, Henwood, Ashford, TN24 8AD.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plan, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined during normal office hours Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at the Ashford Highways Depot, 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent. TN24 8AD

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

WATERMAN'S LANE, BRENCHLEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2014

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to reconstruct the culvert, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Waterman's Lane, Brenchley, on or after 10 March 2014 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside The Kent National Golf and Country Club.

The alternative route is via Chantler's Hill, Mascall's Court Road, Mascall's Court Lane and Mile Oak Road.

John Burr
Director of Highways & Transportation
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 23rd February 2014



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NOTICE OF INTENDED LAND DISPOSAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SECTION 123 (2A)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tunbridge Wells Borough Council intends to dispose of the freehold interest in two areas of land, which are for identification purposes described in the schedule to this notice.

This notice is given in so far as the areas of land consist of or form part of an open space within the meaning of the above Section.

A plan of the land is available to view at the Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2AB or at the Weald Information Centre, The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook TN17 3HF.

Objections to the proposed disposals must be made in writing to the Legal Services Manager, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS by no later than 7th March 2014.

SCHEDULE

Land at Wickham Gardens, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent (approximately 0.04 hectares)

Land lying to the north of Bright Ridge, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, Kent (approximately 0.06 hectares)

Paul Cummins, Legal Services Manager

Dated 14th February 2014

Notice under Article 11 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010

Proposed development at Burrs Hill Farm, Horsmonden Road, Brenchley, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 7AT

Take notice that an application is being made to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council by Ian Overy Farms for planning permission to vary conditions 2 and 13 of planning permission TW/13/00215

Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Council at:

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS
Within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Signed: Lambert & Foster

Date: 23rd February 2014

Statement of owners' rights: The grant of planning permission does not affect owners' rights to retain or dispose of their property, unless there is some provision to the contrary in an agreement or lease.

Statement of agricultural tenants' rights: The grant of planning permission for non-agricultural development may affect agricultural tenants' security of tenure.

'Owner' means a person having a freehold interest or a leasehold interest the unexpired term of which is not less than seven years.

Auction Sale 11th March 2014



By order of Tunbridge Wells
Borough Council

Land at Bright Ridge Mews, TN4

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Land at Wickham Gardens, Rusthall, TN4

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Licensing Act 2003 Variation of Premises Licence

Notice is hereby given that **Bas Bar Ltd** has applied to the Medway Council on **14th February 2014** vary the Premises Licence for **Cecil Arms to be known as Bas Bar, 14, Cliffe Road, Strood, ME2 3DS**.

The proposed application is to permit the **alteration the layout of the ground floor including extension of kitchen area, installation of fixed seating and alteration to two toilets. The application does not seek to vary the approved existing times, conditions on the licence or licensable activities.**

The application can be viewed at the offices of the Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock road, Chatham Kent ME4 4TR during normal office hours. Any person who wishes to make a representation in relation to this application must give notice in writing of his/her representation by **18th March 2014 (28 days the day after the application is received by the licensing department)** stating the grounds for making said representation to: Licensing Team, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TR or by e-mail to licensing@medway.gov.uk.

It is an offence, under section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application for premises licence and the maximum fine on being convicted of such an offence is £5000.

Stephen Thomas LAW,
Solicitors for the Applicant,
8, Grassmere, Leybourne, Kent ME19 5QP

Licensing Act 2003: Application to Vary a Premises Licence

Notice is hereby given that **Equiprofit Ltd** has applied to the Swale Borough Council on **18th February 2014** to vary the Premises Licence for **plough and Harrow, Oad Street, Borden, ME9 8LB**.

The proposed application is to **extend the licensed area to include the first floor of the premises and a "Snug Bar" located within the grounds, permit sale of alcohol from 08.00 daily and to permit the provision of Regulated Entertainment and provision of Late Night Refreshment within current approved hours for the sale of alcohol.**

The application can be viewed at the offices of the Licensing Authority, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3HT between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. – Monday to Friday except public holidays) or by visiting www.swale.gov.uk/Licensing

Any person who wishes to make a representation in relation to this application must give notice in writing of his/her representation by **18th March 2014 (28 days the day after the application is received by the licensing department)** stating the grounds for making said representation to: Licensing Team, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3HT. The Licensing Authority must receive representations by the date given above. The Licensing Authority will have regard to any such representation in considering the application. It is an offence, under section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in or in connection with an application for premises licence and the maximum fine on being convicted of such an offence is £5000.

Stephen Thomas LAW,
Solicitors for the Applicant,
8, Grassmere, Leybourne, Kent ME19 5QP

PUBLIC NOTICE LICENSING ACT 2003

Application for New Premises Licence

I, James Elliott Pemble give notice that I have made an application to the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, The Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS for grant of a new premises licence to permit the following licensable activities;

1. The provision of late night refreshment between 23:00 hours and 03:00 on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Bank Holiday Sundays, Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.
2. The provision of Regulated Entertainment from 12 noon until 22.30, Sundays, 12 noon until 23.00 hours, Mondays to Wednesdays, from 12 noon until 03.00 on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Bank Holiday Sundays, Christmas Eve and New Years Eve
3. To sell of alcohol from 12 noon until 22.30, Sundays, 12 noon until 23.00 hours, Mondays to Wednesdays, from 12 noon until 03.00 on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Bank Holiday Sundays, Christmas Eve and New Years Eve

In respect of the premises situated at 24, Church Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1JP and known by the sign of Players Coyotes. The application can be viewed at the offices of the Licensing Authority, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. – Monday to Friday except public holidays) www.sevenoaks.gov.uk

Any person who wishes to make a representation in relation to this application must give notice in writing of his/her representation by **18th March 2014 (28 days the day after the application is received by the licensing department)** stating the grounds for making said representation to Licensing Authority, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Hall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS or by e-mail licensing@tunbridgewells.gov.uk

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application. Any person who makes a false statement is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000.

Stephen Thomas LAW solicitors,
8 Grassmere, Leybourne, West Malling, Kent. ME19 5QP
Authorised Agents for and on behalf of the applicants.

PURSUANT to the Trustee Act 1925

NOTICE is given that all creditors and others having any claims against or claiming to be beneficially interested in the estate of **CHERRY EVELYN YOUNG** late of **1C TUFTON STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1ES** who died on **19th AUGUST 2013** and letters of administration to whose estate were granted on **17th JANUARY 2014** out of the Brighton Principal Probate Registry of the Family Division to **DALE YOUNG** and **MELANIE RIDDELL** are required to send particulars in writing to the undersigned solicitors on or before **23rd April 2014** after which date the said administrators will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the persons entitled to have them having regard only to the claims of which they then have had notice and shall not be liable for the assets of the deceased or any part of them so distributed to any person or persons of whose claims or demands they then have not had notice.

DATED 23rd February 2014
BENNETT & CO SOLICITORS,
Cornwallis House, Pudding Lane,
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1NY

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Notice of proposal to modify public path order Highways Act 1980

Notice is hereby given pursuant to paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 6 to the Highways Act 1980 that the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to determine the Kent County Council (Public Footpath AE110 (part) at Wye Public Path Extinguishment Order 2013 proposes to modify the order by providing for the following modifications:

(i) On the Order plan delete the route to be extinguished between Points A and B and substitute the route between Points A1 and B1, amending the key accordingly;

• In Part 1 of the Schedule to the Order:

(ii) Amend the description of the route to be extinguished by inserting after the reference to Footpath AE111 the reference 'and Footpath AE 112';

(iii) Amend the grid reference for Point A to 'NGR TR 0547 4709' and rename the point as 'Point A1';

(iv) Amend the grid reference for Point B to 'NGR TR 0538 4729' and rename the point as 'Point B1';

(v) Amend the description of the length of the affected route by deleting the figure '160' metres and substituting '220' metres.

A copy of the Order as submitted and a copy of the Order showing the proposed modifications together with the Inspector's Order decision dated 29 January 2014 have been deposited at the Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AS and at the offices of Kent County Council's Public Rights of Way & Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. The documents can be viewed during normal opening hours at Ashford Gateway Plus, and from Monday – Friday between 10am-4pm at the County Council's offices (please telephone Mrs Maria McLauchlan on 01622 696871 to make an appointment).

Any representation or objection with respect to the proposed modifications may be sent in writing to Clive Richards, Rights of Way Section, The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3/25, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN tel 0303 4445502, quoting reference FPS/W2275/3/11, between 24 February 2014 and 24 March 2014 and should state the grounds on which it is made. It should be noted that any such representation or objection may be made available for viewing by interested parties at the council offices on request.

Dated this 23rd day of February 2014.

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

- 14/100391/FULL Olive Stores Limited High Street, Brencley**
- Change of use from existing shop to residential; internal alterations and rear extension to from 2 No dwellings; repairs and alterations to external surfaces (LB) (CA)
- 14/00399/LBC Olive Stores Limited High Street, Brencley**
- Listed Building Consent: Change of use from existing shop to residential; internal alterations and rear extension to from 2 No dwellings; repairs and alterations to external surfaces (LB)
- 14/00390/HOUSE Branden Biddenden Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Conversion of boat house to provide ancillary gamesroom/gym (LB)
- 14/00393/HOUSE Branden Biddenden Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Conversion of oast roundel to provide ancillary accommodation (LB)
- 14/00394/LBC Branden Biddenden Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Conversion of oast roundel to provide ancillary accommodation (LB)
- 14/00395/HOUSE Branden Biddenden Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Alterations, extension to south elevation and replacement windows (LB)
- 14/00397/LBC Branden Biddenden Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Alterations, extension to south elevation and replacement windows (LB)
- 14/00309/FULL Dame Tartine Times Square, Culverden**
- Proposed canopies on existing fascia (CA)
- 14/00380/HOUSE Beals Green Farm Heartenoak Road, Hawkhurst**
- Proposed restoration and conversion of existing barn to provide home office and ancillary accommodation (LB)
- 14/00381/LBC Beals Green Farm Heartenoak Road, Hawkhurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Proposed restoration and conversion of existing barn to provide home office and ancillary accommodation (LB)
- 14/00323/FULL The Vineyard The Down, Lamberhurst**
- Alterations and improvements to existing bin and store area to side of public house - retrospective (CA) (LB)
- 14/00325/LBC The Vineyard The Down, Lamberhurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Alterations and improvements to existing bin and store area to side of public house - retrospective (LB)
- 14/00352/LBC Coggers Farm House The Broadway, Lamberhurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Replacement front door (LB)
- 14/00376/HOUSE 5 Down Avenue Lamberhurst, Lamberhurst**
- Two storey extension to replace single storey extension to north elevation. First floor extension over existing single storey extension to east elevation. Small infill extension to south elevation (CA)
- 14/00321/LBC The Old Fish Market The Pantiles, Pantiles & St Marks**
- Listed Building Consent - Temporary external decking (LB)
- 14/00379/HOUSE 2 Norfolk Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**
- Internal modifications and small extension at ground floor level to form dayroom and kitchen (CA)
- 14/00330/FULL Garden Cottage 16 Calverley Park Gardens, Park**
- Erection of a single storey dwelling (CA)
- 14/00383/HOUSE Dunorlan View Dunorlan Park, Park**
- Extensions and alterations (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of way (CA)
Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications
(MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

James Freeman
Head of Planning Services, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 22 February 2014



PLANNING



TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PLANNING APPLICATIONS LISTED BUILDING CONSENTS CONSERVATION AREA CONSENTS

- DOV/13/01043** Retrospective application for the change of use of an agricultural building to a micro brewery and associated car parking
Parsonage Farm, Vale Road, Sutton, CT15 5DH **SLC**
- DOV/14/00056** Erection of a detached double garage and alterations to existing vehicular access (existing garage to be demolished)
1 Oast Cottages, School Road, Tilmanstone, Deal, CT14 0JJ **LCN**
- DOV/14/00083** Construction of swimming pool and erection of summerhouse
Brook House & Land Adjoining, Brook Street, Eastry, Sandwich, CT13 0HR **LBC**
- DOV/14/00103** Erection of a single storey side extension
Trapham Barn, Canterbury Road, Wingham Well, Wingham, Canterbury, CT31NL **LBC**
- DOV/14/00107** Erection of a single storey extension (existing extension to be demolished)
The Garth, Farm Lane, Marshborough, Woodnesborough, Sandwich, CT13 0PH **LBC**
- DOV/14/00109** Retrospective application for the erection of a fence
10 Admiralty Mews, Walmer, CT14 7AZ **LCN**
- DOV/14/00110** Internal alterations
10 Admiralty Mews, Walmer, CT14 7AZ **LCN**
- DOV/14/00116** Erection of a detached garage
80 The Droveaway, St. Margaret's Bay, Dover, CT15 6DE **ARW**
- DOV/13/01079** Erection of a single storey side extension
3 Gullton Cottages, Gullton, Ash, CT3 2HS **RCON**
- DOV/14/00081** Repaint external elevations in grey
12-14 Farrier Street, Deal, CT14 6JR **LCN**
- DOV/14/00115** Repaint external elevations in grey
12-14, Farrier Street, Deal, CT14 6JR **LCN**
- DOV/14/00091** The use of land for additional log storage processing area and wood chip store in association with biomass combined heat and power plant granted under reference DOV/13/00701
Discovery Park, Site North East, Ramsgate Road, Sandwich, CT13 9ND **MAJ**
- DOV/14/00104** Erection of a single storey side extension
Trapham Barn, Canterbury Road, Wingham Well, Wingham, Canterbury, CT31NL **LBC**

Reason for Advert Codes:

ARW – Affects a Public Right of Way **LBC** – The proposal affects a Listed Building

SLC – To affect setting of a Listed Building & Conservation Area

LCN – Listed Building in a Conservation Area **MAJ** – Major Development

RCON – Within a Conservation Area and affects a public right of way

Some applications are not publicised in this list. All applications may be inspected at the Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, to which address any representations (to include a postal address) should be sent **within 21 days** marked "for the attention of Planning". Applications may also be viewed, and comments on applications may be made on our website www.dover.gov.uk/planning or at Dover Gateway, 71 Castle Street, Dover, Deal Library or the Area Office, The Guildhall, Sandwich

Failure to meet the above deadline may jeopardise the chances of representations being considered. Any representations received may be made available for inspection by the public, and may be copied to others, including the secretary of state and the applicant if there is an appeal against the council's decision. Representations will not be acknowledged until an application has been determined.

Please note that the Council does not accept any responsibility for any incomplete or inaccurate description of any application.

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PLANNING



THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y14/0144/SH - 14 Augusta Gardens Folkestone Kent CT20 2RR - 3 metre reduction in height of a Holm Oak situated within a conservation area

Y14/0111/SH - 30 Stade Street Hythe Kent CT21 6BD - Erection of shed to rear garden.

Y14/0126/SH - Ground Floor Business Premises 30 Rendezvous Street Folkestone Kent CT20 1EZ - Change of Use of existing ground-floor retail unit (Class A1) to a mixed use of Takeaway & Restaurant (Class A3/A5), including the installation of a replacement shopfront, the removal of a garage and erection of a wall and fence to form an external seating area and bin store to the rear, and the erection of an extract duct to the rear elevation (Resubmission of Planning Application/Consent No. Y10/0134/SH).

Y14/0139/SH - Lisheen The Undercliff Sandgate Folkestone Kent - Crown reduction back to previous pruning points of seven Sycamore trees subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 3 of 1975

Y14/0126/SH - Town Hall High Street New Romney Kent TN28 8BT - Works to trees situated within a conservation area comprising the topping of three Sycamores (T1, T2 and T3) at a height of 4 metres; overall crown reduction by 2 metres of an Ash (T5) and partial crown reduction on eastern side of a Bay (T7) to give a minimum clearance of 1 metre from adjacent street lamp.

Y13/0934/SH - Hawkings Community Centre (Land Adjacent) Heron Forest Avenue Hawkings Folkestone Kent - Erection of a 610m2 supermarket, together with associated 82 space car park (to be shared with community centre), access and landscaping.

Y14/0106/SH - 77 Bouverie Road West Folkestone Kent CT20 2RL - Change of use and conversion of ground-third floors from residential (C3) to a care home (C2).

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

† - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010 (AS AMENDED)

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13(2) OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

KCC/TM/0017/2014 - Proposed development at Blaise Farm Quarry, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4PN

New Earth Solutions Group Ltd is applying to the Kent County Council for planning permission for a section 73 application to vary condition 2 of planning permission TM/13/1299 to align the operational timeframe of the established enclosed composting facility granted under planning permission TM/13/1299 to that of the consented anaerobic digestion facility granted under planning permission TM/12/2549.

The proposed development may not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

You may view this application at Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4LZ.

Alternatively, details of the application can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planningrepresentations@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough Council website.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning
Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 23rd February 2014



TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
4. The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 10 MARCH 2014

SW/13/1319:

Listed Building Consent for re-insulation and restoration of existing stud partition walls; two replacement front doors, switching of 'main use' door and internal stud covering. (Retrospective) - 2-3 Gatefield Lane, FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/13/1501:

Advertisement consent for five estate directional signs - Newington Industrial Estate, London Road, NEWINGTON; REASON 4

SW/14/0010:

External alterations to frontage including the installation of new entrance door and new window - The Spice Club, Old Court House, Roman Square, SITTINGBOURNE; REASON 1

SW/14/0045:

Outline application including access for a mixed use development comprising business park (up to 5,385sqm of commercial units, and a 2,000sqm office (innovation centre), a hotel (approx. 70 bed), pub/restaurant (up to 400sqm), health centre (up to 300sqm), 196 residential dwellings, open space including sports pitches, amenity open space and parkland, roads, allotments and a traveller site - Land East of Love Lane, FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1, 3 & 4

SW/14/0059:

Change of use from snooker club to dance studio - 13 Neptune Snooker Club, Neptune Terrace, SHEERNESS; REASON 4

SW/14/0093:

Ground floor rear extension - 97 Upper Brents, FAVERSHAM; REASON 1

SW/14/0108:

Demolition of existing workshop to be replaced with a pair of three bedroom semi-detached houses - Land Adjacent to Percy Villa, North Road, QUEENBOROUGH; REASON 4

SW/14/0113:

Two storey rear extension with single storey side and rear extension - 31 The Finches, SITTINGBOURNE; REASON 4

SW/14/0118:

Single storey front extension to form kitchen - 28 St Helens Road, SHEERNESS; REASON 4

SW/14/0144:

Demolition of existing outbuilding. Erection of a detached chalet bungalow - Land adjacent to 32 Cliff Gardens, MINSTER; REASON 4

SW/14/0121:

Listed Building Consent for refurbishment & repair of the Listed Barn, including provision of a new porch - Little Pett Farm, Deans Bottom, BRIDGAR; REASON 2

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning

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Town and Country Planning Act Notice of Applications

MA/13/1156/N - BOW WINDOW, THE SQUARE, LENHAM, KENT, ME17 2PG - Listed Building Consent for alteration to stairs and insertion of a new door. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/1635/S - BUMPERS HALL, MAIDSTONE ROAD, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9AG - Demolition of existing structures and construction of a single dwelling (Use Class C3) with associated landscaping as shown on drawing numbers 077-ACME-GA1-00-1110, 077-ACME-GA1-00-1111, 077-ACME-GA1-XX-1201, 077-ACME-GA1-XX-1202, 077-ACME-GA3-XX-1301, 077-ACME-GA3-XX-1302, 077-ACME-GA3-XX-1303, 077-ACME-GA3-XX-1304, 077-ACME-GA3-XX-1305, 077-ACME-ST1-00-1001, 077-ACME-ST1-00-1005, 077-ACME-ST1-00-1006, supported by a Planning Statement all received 24th September 2013 and a design and access statement and covering letter received 25th November 2013. **Reason: 9**

MA/14/0032/N - LINK PHARMACY, 88B, KING STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1BH - Change of use of first and mezzanine floors from Use Class D2 to a mixed use falling within Use Classes A1 and B1, and associated alterations to shop front. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/14/0133/N - CHILLINGTON HOUSE, ST FAITHS STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1LH - Change of use of the building to 4no. flats. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/14/0174/N - LAND EAST OF GLEBE GARDENS, OLD ASHFORD ROAD, LENHAM, KENT - Outline application for the erection of 9 houses with access to be considered at this stage and all other matters reserved for future consideration. **Reason: 3, 9**

MA/14/0185/N - CYGNET COTTAGES, SANDWAY ROAD, LENHAM, KENT - Proposed new single storey dwelling. **Reason: 9**

MA/14/0197/N - ASH HOUSE, OLD ASHFORD ROAD, LENHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2PX - Erection of a single storey rear extension. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/14/0199/N - ASH HOUSE, OLD ASHFORD ROAD, LENHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2PX - An application for listed building consent for the erection of a single storey rear extension. **Reason: 3**

MA/14/0203/N - CAR PARK, KING STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1BH - The north wall of the car park is to be demolished and re-built. **Reason: 2**

MA/14/0208/N - TONGS MEADOW, WEST STREET, HARRIETSHAM, KENT - Erection of 105 dwellings with area of public open space, associated landscaping, provision of new access from West Street and associated works. **Reason: 1, 6, 7, 9**

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 6 - Application is Major Development.
- 7 - Application affects a Public Right of Way.
- 9 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.

Copies of applications listed can be viewed on our website www.maidstone.gov.uk or at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone (Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm, and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **9th March 2014**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 23rd February 2014.



Planning applications

Notice under Article 13 of the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010

Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995

Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990

Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA/13/02389/FUL: Land at Gordon Road, Canterbury, CT1 3PP Following demolition of industrial building: erection of block of 4 one-bedroom flats and 4 two-bed flats; and a separate block of 2 two-bed flats and 4 one-bed flats, plus access. **Applicant: Mr P Bowler**

Reason: Major and conservation area.

CA/14/00050/FUL: William Street and Mortimer Street, Herne Bay Relocation of Saturday market from Kings Road Car Park to part of William Street and Mortimer Street. **Applicant: Canterbury City Council** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.

CA/14/00062/FUL: Market Street Car Park, Herne Bay Siting of a storage container in the Market Street Car Park to store equipment associated with Herne Bay market for a temporary three year period. **Applicant: Canterbury City Council** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/14/00239/FUL: The Studio Barn, Cockering Road, Chartham, CT4 7LG Single-storey side extension, balcony extension and internal alterations to dwelling. **Applicant: Mr A Salter** Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.

CA/14/00240/FUL: Church Cottage, Church Road, Littlebourne, CT3 1UA Removal of roof glazing to existing conservatory and replace with an insulated peg tiled roof. Removal of glazing to existing conservatory walls, partial replacement with studwork walling clad externally with weather boarding, with Georgian style windows to match existing. Existing rear facing glazed wall retained, but glazing replaced with new double glazed panels. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Crook** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/14/00248/FUL: Brown Butts, 84 Chestfield Road, Chestfield, CT5 3LT Single-storey kitchen extension to rear of dwelling.

Applicant: Mr and Mrs D Wells Reason: Conservation area.

CA/14/00258/FUL: 80 Chestfield Road, Chestfield, CT5 3LU Conversion of garage into habitable space, new front wall and gates, new single-storey rear and first-floor side extensions. **Applicant: Mr W Hodgson** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/14/00265/ADV: 39 High Street, Canterbury, CT1 2RY Installation of internally and externally illuminated signage. **Applicant: Pizza Hut (UK) Ltd** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.

CA/14/00266/FUL: 30B Nargate Street, Littlebourne, CT3 1UJ First-floor rear extension. **Applicant: Mrs C Dawson**

Reason: Conservation area.

CA/14/00292/FUL: 149 Island Wall, Whitstable, CT5 1DY Demolition of existing outbuildings (double garage, shed and workshop) and proposed construction of new double garage/workshop with attached garden room and storage space in the loft. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Dod** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/14/00298/LB: Broad Street House, 44 Broad Street, Canterbury, CT1 2LR Replacement dormer, renewal of lead gutters, insulation of roofspaces, construction of firebreak wall in roof void and alterations to garden store/outbuilding. **Applicant: Mr R and Mrs C Thrower**

Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA/14/00303/FUL: 21 Roper Road, Canterbury, CT2 7EG First and second-floor extension incorporating dormer windows to front, rooflights to rear and first-floor window to southern flank elevation. **Applicant: Mr Hussey** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/14/00307/FUL: Westgate Hall, Westgate Hall Road, Canterbury, CT1 2BT Installation of solar panels and rooflights, demolition of boiler room, chimney and extensions, removal of gas meter enclosure and external alterations. **Applicant: Westgate Community Trust (Canterbury) Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be submitted via public access on the planning pages of the website www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc to arrive on or before **Monday 17 March 2014**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
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FABRIZIO Giovanardi insists he has not returned to the British Touring Car Championship just to burn petrol and destroy tyres.

The two-time BTCC winner signed for Wrotham-based Airwaves Racing earlier this month, four years after first holding discussions with team boss David Bartrum.

His return to the sport makes it a truly heavyweight line-up on the BTCC grid with seven champions confirmed for the 2014 season.

Joining Giovanardi is Swiss driver and another double winner Alain Menu, while ever present front winners and past champions Jason Plato, Andrew Jordan, Gordon Shedden, Colin Turkington and Matt Neal are all back.

The Italian was last in BTCC in 2010 with 888 Racing when he opened with two wins from the opening three races at Thruxton.

Those proved to be his only three races that season as he left the series after the loss of a sponsor. Instead he switched to Italian and then International Superstars series.

"It was a strange thing," he said. "I had a friend here and during the winter we tried to find a way to come over here again. We couldn't find a way to come back before. My friend sent a message to David (Bartrum) to ask if he was interested.

"We waited and we heard back saying come over and we can talk. I've been in contact with 888 all the time too, but they chose to have different drivers. I also had a small chat in November with the Team BMR."

In his time away he has also been involved in some endurance racing on the continent which has fuelled his desire to return to BTCC.

"It's interesting. I've been twice around Nurburgring in a fast car. I'm not feeling so whole to drive in long distance racing," he said. "The Nurburgring is 26km and you get bored. But in the same way you have to concentrate because it's fast and narrow.

"We were running around the Nurburgring for three and a half hours, for 500km. I can tell you it was tough in the night, just keeping yourself awake. I was wanting to come back to short and tough, action-packed racing in England."

At the age of 47 he will be among the senior drivers in the series this year, with Menu 50, and old rival Plato also 47.

But he has lost none of his hunger for success, as he explains: "I'm not here just to spend time," he said. "I'm 47, although I don't feel it. I feel like I did 10 years ago. I don't want to just run and burn petrol and destroy tyres.

"I have to fight with 30 guys and everyone feels the same. I chose this team because I believe they can help me win."

The fact that he is among a stellar line-up of stars bears no significance to him; it is simply driver against driver when the series gets under way in March.

"It's not going to make any difference. It doesn't matter, it's not my problem," he said.

He arrived in the series in 2006 fresh from a third place finish in the World Touring Car Championship with Alfa Romeo. It took some adjusting when he got behind the wheel of



Italian ace on track for big year with Airwaves

Two-time British Touring Car champion Fabrizio Giovanardi is back in the series after a four-year absence and is part of a big push for honours this season with Wrotham's Airwaves Racing team. He talks to **Greg Miles** about why he's back.

Triple 8's new machine.

It is certainly different coming back after that four-year stint away, especially being introduced to the new Next Generation Touring Cars being

“English circuits are old-style circuits, it's tough to learn the tricks around them. At somewhere like Imola it's easier because it's long”

Fabrizio Giovanardi,
on why he's returned to BTCC

used compared to the now outdated Super 2000s he was driving before.

"For me it's a brand new feeling," he said. "I heard a lot about it being a different car to the Super 2000. But you have to get in the car and give some feedback. It's a car with four wheels. I've driven every car in my life, Formula One, Formula Two.

"I wasn't talking any English when I arrived before, it's still not the best English you will hear. That was the biggest difficulty trying to explain to the guys what was needed.

"I was in a struggling car that was old and strange. It wasn't built around myself but around the previous driver Yvan Muller.

"English circuits are old style circuits, it's tough to learn the tricks around them. At somewhere like Imola it's easier because it's long. Here

there's a bigger chance you can hit the wall.

"A driver can make a difference here. The rules mean the cars are much more close."

Although staying in shape has become harder as he has got older, he is taking the you are only as old as you feel approach to life.

"It's a mind thing," he said. "You have to keep fit because it's difficult to be on top otherwise. I was running and cycling 10 years ago and now I have to do it four times as much to be the same. If you stop you're screwed."

Giovanardi, who has 122 appearances, 41 podiums and 24 race wins in BTCC, is eager to get going after starting testing at Brands Hatch last week.

"I wish to go straight away and race, I need to test the car," he said. "Although if you look at 2010 in Thruxton I didn't do anything in the winter, I came back on the Saturday morning and won two times.

"I don't need to run too much to get back. But this is new and I need to understand so it's important for me to practice, but I can't wait to race."

He has fond memories of his time in the series, unsurprisingly from his back-to-back title wins in 2007 and 2008.

"If you look back to when you're in difficult times you appreciate the winning times," he said. "When it's easy, sometimes it's easy because the car is good and I don't remember those moments as I do here.

"I was 43 years old then. It was a big change and when you complete



Pictures: ADY KERRY

How he won BTCC titles

IN 2007, Giovanardi drove for Triple 8 Racing and won 10 races in a season-long battle with Jason Plato who led 265 to 256 points going into the final round.

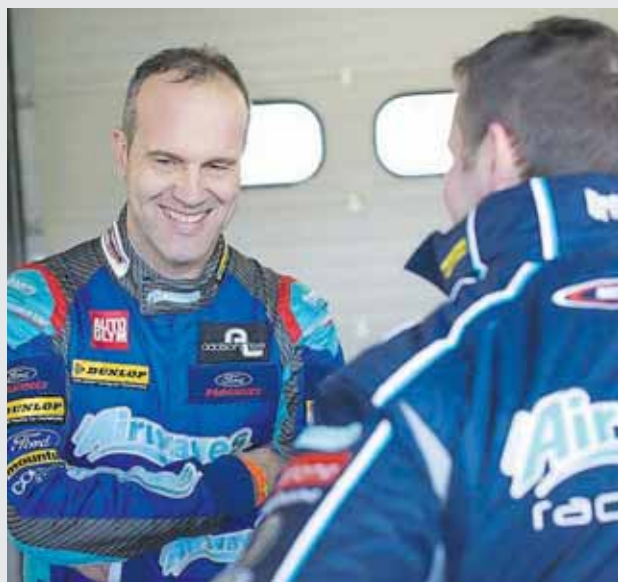
Gio won the first two of three races in the final weekend at Thruxton, meaning Plato held a one-point lead ahead of the final race.

The top seven places were reversed on the grid which saw Plato start in sixth position and Gio in seventh.

Despite that, Gio made better work of getting through the field, finishing second compared to Plato's fourth giving him the title by three points.

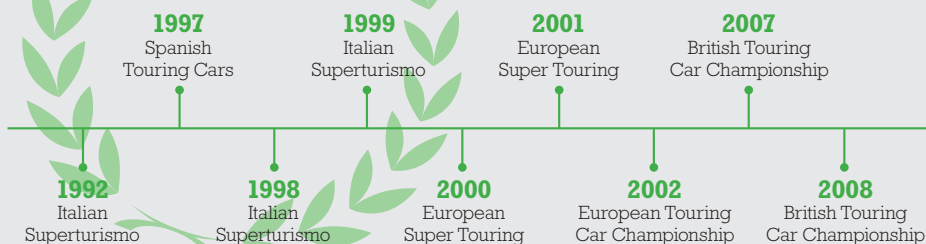
A year later he sealed his second title in convincing style at Brands Hatch with two races to spare.

He won it despite finishing in a non-points scoring position of 14th because his arch-rival Plato could not catch his points tally after finishing fifth.



CONFIDENT: Fabrizio Giovanardi is not phased by the six other former winners lining up to compete in the British Touring Car Championship

GIOVANARDI'S CAREER TITLES



the challenge it's good."

Although his return is important for the series it is a big step forward for Airwaves Racing, run by the Motorbase Performance team, which has serious intentions to mount a challenge on the top order this season.

"This is a very important year for Airwaves Racing," said team principal Bartrum. "This is going to be the one when we really do underline the product we've built here at Motorbase Performance and Fabrizio is the man to show you how it should go."

The Italian has been in discussions with Bartrum since 2010 about linking up with Motorbase Performance. He finally got his man this winter.

"I tried to get Fabrizio on board a couple of years ago, we've talked a lot about touring cars and this year I decided just before Christmas that was

the right way to try and go," said Bartrum. "It was something that Airwaves set out in their criteria; they wanted us to up our game and I was very happy to meet it."

"The intentions are the same as last year, the team wants to win. We want to win races and we want to go after the championship and if you're going to go after the championship this is the year to do it."

"There are thirty cars on the grid and possibly seven guys that have won it before, so I think it's a fantastic year for Giovanardi to come back and join us."

"A lot of work has gone into the car over the winter. I'm really pleased with what the team have done, they've worked very hard."

"As I've said before, you need to take a step back and look sometimes,

that's what we've done and now we're hoping to get the reward."

"We've always been proud of our driver line-up and no more this year than last year, but this year it's got a little Italian spice to it that might take the team forward that bit more."

There are two more driver spots waiting to be filled in the team after Aron Smith's departure to Team BMR to partner Alain Menu.

There is no news yet on the returns of Tom Onslow-Cole who finished the season with Airwaves Racing last year and long-time team driver Mat Jackson.

There are sure to be more announcements in the near future with the BTCC season getting underway on the weekend of March 29/30 on Airwaves Racing's home Brands Hatch Indy Circuit.

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Fish aiming for a pre-season return from serious injury

GILLINGHAM'S long-term injury victim Matt Fish admits it will be a bonus if he plays again this season.

The right-back had his debut campaign in League One cruelly ended after just three minutes on the opening day of the season when he ruptured his knee ligaments.

"I feel good. I feel strong and my knee probably feels stronger than before the operation. I've been running, kicking the ball and doing pretty much everything," said the 25-year-old. "It's more of a confidence thing now down the training ground."

"I'm not pushing to play this season, if I do it's a bonus but ideally I'm looking to get back pre-season. I certainly won't rush it. I'll be in during May while everyone is off because I will want to keep the muscles in my legs going."



FISH: Back in training

Debut defender out with injury

NEW Gillingham loanee Ryan Inniss is set to be sidelined for several weeks after pulling up with a hamstring injury on his debut.

The 18-year-old defender, who joined on loan from Crystal Palace, was forced off in the 40th minute of the Gills' home defeat to Sheffield United on Wednesday night.



FORM: Tammy Beaumont selected

Trio called up for T20 World Cup

KENT'S Tammy Beaumont has been recalled to the England side for the Women's World Twenty20 in Bangladesh next month.

Top-order batter Beaumont has been in impressive form for England's academy side in recent weeks on the tour of Sri Lanka

She hit nearly 300 runs at an average of 74.75 including an unbeaten 140 in the final 50-over match.

She joins Kent team-mates England captain Charlotte Edwards and Lydia Greenway in the 15-player squad.

England's campaign in Bangladesh starts against the West Indies on March 24.

Bronze medal is finally presented

SIX months after being part of the Great Britain team which finished third in the 4x100 metres at the World Championships in Moscow, Dina Asher Smith has finally received her medal.

The Blackheath & Bromley athlete was given her medal at the British Athletics Grand Prix last weekend.

Fleet await KSC final opponents

EBBSFLEET United are in the final of the Kent Senior Cup after a win over Whitstable Town

After their 2-1 win, Fleet will play either Dover, Dartford or Bromley. Dover play the Darts in their quarter-final on March 4 with the winner taking on Bromley in the second semi-final.

Conway to make endurance return

SEVENOAKS racer Mike Conway has announced his return to the World Endurance Championship with the newly formed Millenium Racing team.

The 30-year-old made his debut in the series last year and was subsequently awarded the Revelation of the Year at the FIA WEC prize-giving in December.

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